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## Croatia signs \$1.8mil. man

Stand aside Marconi, Sydney Croatia and you other big spenders! Melbourne Croatia's recruiting drive topped the lot when the club signed million-dollar Ian Wallace this week.

Wallace, 30, was bought by Nottingham Forest from Coventry City for £1,250,000 (then about \$1.8 million) in 1980.

And he's joining Croatia because the club already has one of the all-time greats of British soccer — Terry Hennessy, the Croatia coach who captained Wales, Nottingham Forest and Derby County among others, and won the US Super Bowl a few years ago before deciding to come to Australia.

Wallace joins Croatia's other star recruits, Alan Davidson, Robbie Dunn, Jim Maclean, Andy Humble, Willie Herd and Tony Lemeza.

It was at Dumbarton that Wallace started his illustrious career, scoring 11 goals in 34 senior matches.

From there he moved to Coventry for £100,000 and scored 57 goals in 130 games before Brian Clough forked out more than a million to sign him.

His scoring rate decreased at Forest, where he got only 36 goals in 134 games, before moving on to Brest of France for £100,000.

Next stop was Sunderland, which paid £75,000 for him, and then it was on to Marítimo of Portugal, where his contract has just expired.

In addition, he played three matches for the Scottish national team.

He has signed and mailed to Croatia a one-year contract and is expected to arrive with his wife and child within a month.

His arrival will coincide with that of Willie Herd, the Partick Thistle midfielder.

Meanwhile, Croatia hopes to sign left back Alan Scott from Adelaide Hellas this week.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• Ian Wallace

## Beach bonanza for Nat. Cup!

Beach Fashions are the new sponsors of the National Cup. The prestigious swimwear company will sponsor Australia's major cup competition to the tune of \$250,000 over the next three years.

The announcement of the major sponsorship deal was made at the Le-Sands restaurant in Sydney last night (Wednesday) and is the third major deal negotiated by the National League going into the 1987 season.

The South Australian Brew-

ing Company is the major sponsor of the NSL, now known as the West End National League. That deal is worth \$3 million over four years.

Mitre also is sponsoring the NSL over a four-year period. Its sponsorship principally involves supplying match balls and training balls at cost, meaning that the Mitre deal is worth well over \$200,000 in retail terms.

Nanda sponsored the 1986 National Cup but opted out this year. NSL bosses considered a number of prospective spon-

sors before settling on Beach Fashions and haven't lost hope of Nanda continuing its involvement with the league in another area.

The total prizemoney for the National Cup this year will be \$63,000 and games will start in April involving only the 14 West End National League clubs.

The National Cup series will be held over eight weeks and each Sunday at 11.30am SBS TV will screen the main match of the previous week's Cup round. The first screening will be on April 12.

All National Cup games will be played on Wednesday nights.

This isn't the first time that Beach Fashions has been involved with the code. In 1985 it sponsored Sydney Olympic, which, incidentally, won the National Cup that year.

The NSL also announced this week that Qantas would be sponsoring the South Pacific Challenge matches to be held later this month involving North Shore of New Zealand against Sydney Hakoah (in the South Pacific Cup Winners' Cup) and Kiwi champion Mount Wellington against Australian champion Adelaide Juventus (in the South Pacific Champions' Cup).

The Qantas sponsorship is worth \$20,000.

— CRAIG MAC KENZIE

## KATHOLOS SLAMS LUKIC

Peter Katholos and Vicente Estavillo were dumped by Olympic last week as crisis shook Sydney's best supported outfit.

It was rumored last week that Estavillo and Olympic coach Milan Lukic did not see eye to eye over various matters, one of them involving Estavillo being late for a training session.

It all came to a head last week when Lukic asked that Katholos and Estavillo be removed from the playing staff after Olympic's debacle against Blacktown City in the 1987 State Bank Challenge Cup quarter-finals.

Katholos was fuming over the incident.

"Lukic begged me to remain with Olympic for 1987. He told me at the start of our preparations in December that I would be one of his main men in midfield," said Katholos, the ex-Socceroo star.

"Then to make matters complicated he suddenly decides to dump me and Estavillo —

apparently because we don't fit into his plans. That is after three months of preparations which have taken us to the doorstep of the first round of the NSL."

Katholos is very angry about the way he was treated.

"First I found out that Estavillo was to play against Blacktown and he took his place in Olympic's first team during that week at training. Then came the day of the match and our coach seemed to change his mind. He went to Estavillo and asked him which half he'd prefer to play.

"The fact that a number of other players come and go as they please for our training sessions or perform poorly during our matches carries no weight at all," said Katholos.

"At least I am a free player so hopefully I'll be able to find a team that will reward its players for hard work," Katholos added.

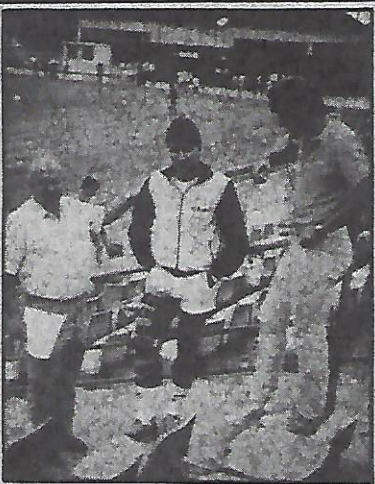
— ALEX VESIC



• Peter Katholos

# Krncevic takes Dinamo to court

## YANKOS IN THE WARS



• Socceroo captain and expensive APIA recruit Charlie Yankos injured his knee against Marconi in the early rounds of the State Bank Challenge Cup and has been out of action ever since. Yankos has been wearing a leg support. It will be removed this week so the full extent of his injury can be determined. Yankos is pictured with Marconi striker Steve Maxwell (right) and NSW official Billy Lodge.

## to court

Eddie Krncevic is suing Dinamo Zagreb for 75,000 marks (about \$A37,500) and the case re-opens in Zagreb this week.

Krncevic, who joined Zagreb in 1982, was set to establish himself in the first team until new coach Vlatko Markovic arrived on the scene.

Krncevic, who has represented the Socceroos 33 times, didn't fit into Markovic's plans and was sold to German club Duisburg for 100,000 marks (about \$A50,000).

From Duisburg, Krncevic transferred to Cercle Bruges and last year joined Belgian giant Anderlecht, his current club.

Krncevic's agent apparently started pestering the striker for a 10 percent cut of a deal struck between Duisburg and Dinamo which was to net Krncevic 75 percent of his transfer fee. Krncevic made enquiries about the deal early last year and found that it apparently existed. Failure to gain his share of the transfer fee from Dinamo saw them becoming involved in litigation.

The case opened last year but was adjourned in November.



• Eddie Krncevic

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# Another great name to disappear?

Do you remember Prague, Slavia, Yugal and Hakoah Melbourne?

Great and illustrious clubs which all have two things in common.

They were among the elite of Australian soccer, attracting huge throngs to their games and calling their own some of the most skilful and talented soccer stars in Australia over the years.

All of these great clubs have also gone down the gurgler of soccer history, either disappearing altogether, or sinking into the obscurity of minor grade football.

Is another great name about to join this Pantheon of long gone glories?

Melbourne Hungaria looks very likely to go the way of the others — and very soon.

Once upon a time the Hungarian club was a powerhouse in Victorian and national competition, even winning Australian supremacy in 1967.

It has suffered through lean times in recent years — until two seasons ago that is.

Hungaria won its way back into the Victorian State League after more than 10 years' absence for the 1986 season.



## Straight Shooting with PETER SCOTT

Hopes were high for a revival. Dreams of old glories were recalled as if they happened only yesterday.

Joy, however, soon turned to despair as Hungaria became firmly anchored among the also-rans in the league and was eventually relegated to the obscurity of the lower regions of Victorian soccer again.

It is hard to dispel a feeling that the proud old club would have been better off not gaining a spot in the State League.

The big effort, followed by ignominious failure, was just too much for the players, staff and a shrinking pool of Hungarian enthusiasts.

This year's reports tell a sorry

tale of an exodus of last year's players to greener pastures, not enough left to even make up a first team squad!

Last year's sports columns in the Hungarian community's weekly paper were full of appeals for help and assistance, painting a gloomy picture of the future for the club.

Sadly, it seems that the bleak forecasts were spot on.

Thus Australian soccer fans are once again looking on helplessly as a gift edged member of our community, a club which has made magnificent contributions to the round ball game in this country, goes into a freefall towards extinction.

My fear and concern is that

most of us will shrug our shoulders and murmur something like: "Well, it's just a club which obviously doesn't have what it takes to survive."

In the process, another little bit of what made soccer a joy to behold in the sixties will have been lost forever.

Furthermore, the scope of soccer's public will have shrunk even further.

Note the trend in all the major leagues, especially in the National League.

This year 11 of the 14 NSL clubs come from an Italian, Greek or Yugoslav background.

the breadth of soccer's mass support continues to shrink on its present pattern then the sport is facing immense credibility problems in the not-too-distant future.

### Thanks Mark

Yep, thanks for the memories, as the old song goes. No more will we have the excitement of watching Mark Jankovics in action.

Hardly a veteran at the age of 30, the Marconi striker's decision to hang up his boots came as bitter news to all of us who savor the efforts of true goalscorers forwards.

God only knows, they are few and far between. Mark is the proud scorer of 110 goals in the NSL and associated competitions, only trailing Gary Cole and John Kosmina.

And this in spite of a series of injuries which have dogged him recently!

Since 1975, when at the age of 18 he made his debut against New Zealand, Jankovics has worn the Soccer shirt on 34 occasions, including full international appearances against the likes of England, Northern

Ireland, Mexico, Israel and China.

A distinguished career indeed for a player who has become the embodiment of the attacking styles of first St George Budapest and then Marconi over the years.

I can only hope and pray that Mark Jankovics, striker extraordinaire, will not be lost to soccer just because he no longer fits into the scheme of things at Marconi.

Wherever he finds his niche, now that his active playing career is over, he will have a treasure trove of experience and talent to call on.

Until he does find his place, I for one will always recall the length mane streaming behind him, heading unerringly, unstopably, towards his eternal target — the opposition's goal.

Mark Jankovics — a superb player who served our sport with great distinction!

### Canberra capers

Finally, just a short word or two about the Australian Institute of Sport's soccer operations.

It is all very well for AIS personalities to spread a message of "trophies are not what we are on about".

However, the young talent headquartered at Canberra is in its most vital period of development.

At their age no natural skills can be taught, they were, I assume, born with it and had it further honed at a younger age.

Now is the time for discipline, tactical maturity and a hard competitive edge to be welded onto their overall soccer profile.

How this can be achieved without fair dinkum — and very hard — league play on a regular basis is beyond me, but then I'm not an expert at soccer coaching and talent development.

Somebody better have the answers ready, because in the current economic climate any suspicion of the wasting of public funds is likely to be targeted by government and opposition soon.

Enough said — for now!

## AROK GETS A SCARE

Frank Arok got a scare last week when his telephone ran hot with reporters' questions about Arok being sacked by St George.

Arok started to think that the Press knew something he didn't.

Then he twigged.

He'd been talking to someone from the NSW federation and mentioned jokingly that he'd like to do the administrator's job which the federation is trying to fill.

Within hours, journalists were queuing up to try to get what they thought was a scoop.

This journal also phoned Arok, but not for one minute did we think that the man spoken of in saint-like

terms in the corridors of power at St George Stadium had been sacked.

No. We'd heard that Arok and his family were quitting Australia for good next February and returning to their native Yugoslavia.

We thought we'd scooped the pool and were envisaging headlines like "Arok quits Roos" or "Arok shock!"

No such luck (from the point of view of selling newspapers, of course). Frank's staying, but he did promise to one day make all us "bastard reporters happy".

Maybe we'll qualify for the next World Cup Finals after all.



• Frank Arok

It may be an exaggeration that soccer is its own worst enemy — but it certainly isn't its own best friend, either.

Take that much argued, often misunderstood word "promotion".

Despite an occasional gimicky attempt by outside "experts", soccer has been unpromoted ever since I can remember — and that certainly goes back to the 1950s.

Even during the boom years there was no systematic, planned promotion — the boom of the 1950s merely happened because all the preconditions were right.

I would like to single out one very obvious aspect of a promotional strategy and that is enlisting the help of soccer's few important friends and allies both in Australia and overseas.

In an atmosphere where soccer happens to have so many enemies — and an even greater number of indifferent passers-by — we should be less wasteful with our resources.

Let me be more precise. Our various federations should have at least one man (or woman) watching like a hawk for any VIP visitor to Australia who has links with soccer.

While in this country we are rather short of "celebrities" who are truly enamored in the game, quite a lot of VIP visitors, especially from Europe, are soccer aficionados at home.

I am thinking of the numerous British and Continental

theatre, stage and movie stars, politicians, even scientists.

I have seen quite a bit of publicity about Elton John recently watching some cricket matches — but none of him at soccer. Yet he is the chairman of English First Division club Watford.

Of course, Elton John is extremely well known and so is his soccer connection; in many other cases you'd have to dig a bit deeper to find the link.

But I think it would be worth the effort. Soccer men get a tremendous amount of goodwill and media publicity from its occasional patronage of famous overseas visitors.

Years ago, some of our clubs resorted to the most pathetic "promotional" ideas: one was giving away pantyhose to women, the other offered pork sausages to spectators. One club tried to stage greyhound racing at half time, another organised athletic events and rock singers. A well known club achieved the pinnacle of bad taste some years ago by dressing their promotions manager in uniform and having him totter around, like an idiot, impersonating Captain Cook — nobody will ever know why.

Well, compared to these "attempts" an organised scheme of enticing soccer-loving overseas VIPs to our games may sound fairly feasible.

Not too long ago, a small group of people celebrated the 30th anniversary of the formation of the NSW Federation.

At a pleasant, friendly dinner, the halcyon days of NSW soccer were recalled, with varying degrees of accuracy.

Soccer does owe NSW a lot in this country: it was the 1957 break in Sydney from the old semi-feeble Association that led to the formation of the Federation; this, soon enough, was followed by the reformation of the Australian Federation and a major change in every single State.

For a number of years, while the revolutionary fervor lasted — and while it was possible for some clubs to keep signing overseas players without paying for them — the boom carried on.

Then, as the spirit of innovation and camaraderie began to run out of steam, the NSW Federation also began to sink down to a level of sad mediocrity.

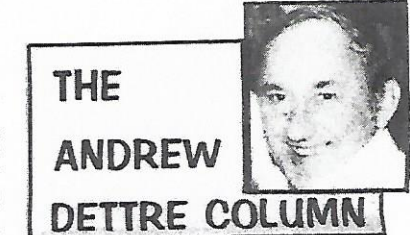
In recent years, largely due to the advent of the NSL, the NSW Federation's importance and influence have scarcely surpassed that of an amateur sporting body.

One of the many symptoms of this gradual demise is the NSW Federation's almost pathological "fear" of publicity.

Long-time secretary Alden Brown, has never been known to be at ease with the Press and this may have manifested itself in other areas, too.

For instance, NSW soccer has not had a proper annual or year book published since 1968 — 19 long years.

Until 1960, the NSW Federation published these annuals if



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came a commercially poor proposition, it stopped.

And since then, there has been no annual at all. Or any other major publication, either, such as a book or booklet commemorating the first 10 and then 25 years of the NSW Federation.

In fact, I seriously doubt if anybody — including the NSW Federation itself out at quaint Parkies — has a full document-

ation of its own doing since 1957.

Most other Federations, I know, are much more history-conscious: I believe the Victorian, South Australian and Queensland Federations all publish their annuals, perhaps the others are doing it, too.

But the "Senior State" hasn't bothered about it for almost 20 years...

## Pitch invasions sparked by mergers

Fans of endangered London soccer teams staged protests against two threatened club mergers at matches in the English capital last weekend.

Thousands of supporters ran on the pitches at Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers in a furious response to the merger of the clubs proposed earlier last week by Fulham chairman David Bulstrode, a property developer who owns the grounds on which both teams play.

And protesters at First Division Wimbledon and Second Division Crystal Palace waved banners and signed a petition to stop their teams being merged.

The start of QPR's match against Manchester City was held up for 15 minutes as several hundred supporters staged a mass sit-down in the centre circle of the Loftus Road pitch, ignoring pleas by QPR manager Jim Smith to disperse.

At Fulham, thousands of fans who had waved protest banners from the terraces before the match invaded the pitch at half time and camped in centre circle.

Even rival Walsall supporters joined the demonstration, raising a banner saying: "Don't kill Fulham."

Fulham chairman Bulstrode plans to have over the Press and this may have manifested itself in other areas, too.

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## Morwell's minibus blows up

Morwell Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor is hoping that his team performs better this season than the club minibus has been lately.

O'Connor and four of his players travel from Melbourne to Morwell two nights a week to train.

Two punctures and an engine failure recently saw the tired Falcons quintet arriving home at 3am. Unfortunately for them, the mechanics fixing the minibus forgot to put the cap back properly on the radiator. As a consequence, they blew up the engine last Thursday night in almost the same spot that they had broken down two nights earlier, near Warragul.

The situation's only saving grace was that they had broken down near the Warragul Nurses' Home and when calling in there for assistance were shown hospitality.

They arrived back in Melbourne at 3.45am this time so friends now on wives and girlfriends will be treating any future breakdowns with suspicion. And spare a thought for John O'Callaghan who has had to be up for work

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● Savas Saglaam (fifth from right) in training with leading Turkish club Besiktas which has offered Saglaam an \$80,000, two-year contract. On the left of Saglaam is Turkish international Ilyaz Tufeci, who has returned to Besiktas after a three-year stint in the Bundesliga with West German club Schalke 04.

# Saglaam set for Besiktas

## HE'LL GET \$80,000 FOR TWO-YEAR STINT

From the Victorian Fourth Division to the European Cup, that's the aim of Australia's most recent soccer export, Savas Saglaam, who last month arranged to sign for leading Turkish club Galatasaray.

His contract will earn him \$80,000 over two years.

Galatasaray, which is currently among the leaders of the Turkish First Division, saw Saglaam when he was training with its Istanbul rivals Besiktas in the final eight of this year's European Cup, drawn against cup favorite Dynamo Kiev.

By  
JOHN  
MANGAN

Saglaam trialled with Besiktas in December and played in three practice games during the Turkish mid-winter break. It was in these games that he attracted the attention of Galatasaray which is coached by 1982 West German World Cup coach, Jupp Derwall.

"Even though I had originally gone to try out with Besiktas, the opportunity to play at Galatasaray was too good to turn down," said Saglaam.

The team there contains seven members of the national team, and Jupp Derwall is also coach of the Turkish team so it

provides an excellent chance to come into the reckoning for a place in the national side."

Saglaam originally had no thoughts of being signed by a club while in Turkey but had gone over instead to "test the water" for a more serious attempt later when his studies were finished. Although Galatasaray now intends to sign Saglaam, the Turkish transfer deadline has passed and it will not be able to do so until mid-June.

Education is the reason Saglaam hasn't made more of an impact on Australian soccer in the past couple of years.

Saglaam played for Brunswick Juventus in the National League in 1984 under John Margaritis but pressure from

university study forced him to delay his sporting ambitions. He kept in match trim playing for Victorian Fourth Division club Holland Park while working towards a Civil Engineering degree at the University of Melbourne.

Galatasaray has been very understanding about Saglaam's studies.

"They realise the importance of education so they are prepared to wait till I have finished the academic year in November before I go over. At the moment, my first priority is to get my degree."

As well as Jupp Derwall, Galatasaray has Yugoslav international Simovic and Prkazi.

## English still banned

THE European Football Union (UEFA) ban on English sides competing in UEFA club competitions will remain in place next season, a UEFA spokesman said last weekend.

The indefinite ban was imposed after a stadium riot at the 1985 European Cup final in Brussels between English club Liverpool and Juventus of Italy that resulted in the deaths of 39 people, mainly Italians.

Despite efforts by English football authorities to clamp down on hooliganism, the UEFA authorities still felt more progress was needed before English clubs should be allowed to compete again for the European Cup, the Cup Winners' Cup and the UEFA Cup.

The spokesman said the last possible

date to readmit English clubs would be the UEFA executive committee meeting on March 10 in Bern.

But the matter had been left off the agenda, effectively leaving the ban in force for the 1987-88 season.

English fans generally behaved well during the World Cup finals in Mexico last year but were involved in rowdy scenes on a North Sea ferry in August when travelling to friendly matches in Europe. This was followed by clashes involving Manchester United fans and police in Amsterdam.

Harry Cavan, a vice-president of the International Football Federation, said after the August outbreaks of violence: "I cannot see English clubs being readmitted to European competition for a very long time."

# Jurin back at Croatia

The impasse in the Zeljko Jurin affair was set to end as we went to press.

Jurin, Sydney Croatia's star forward, has agreed terms with the club after a lengthy period in limbo and was expected to sign late this week.

Jurin has been transfer listed at \$50,000 since early this year after negotiations broke down on a new contract. He'd just arrived back from an unsuccessful bid to join an Italian club when his failure to reach agreement with Croatia forced the club to transfer list him.

"I trained with Padova in Italy at first then I trained with Brescia but the deadline expired for signing foreign players. When I came back to Australia I spoke with my president (Tony Basic) but we couldn't agree at first," said Jurin.

"But Mr Basic is a very good man and we talked a lot more until I finally agreed. I should sign the contract maybe this week, but you never know."

Jurin has been training with Marconi for about a month until the breakthrough last week in his negotiations with Croatia. He was very impressed with the set-up at Marconi.

Jurin's return gives Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic the option of using three front runners with Graeme Arnold in a deep lying role. Then again, Rozic may opt for just two front runners, meaning that Jurin will have to fight for a spot against Robbie Slater and Manis Lamand.

Jurin essentially has been used on the right flank by Croatia but it's a position he's unaccustomed to.

"When I played in Europe I used to be able to move to the right and left sides. I was given a lot more freedom in the forward line and that's the role I like best. But it's up to the coach to decide things like that."

Jurin was heavily criticised by a group of Croatia supporters last year after playing the poor back pass that virtually ended Croatia's participation in the Northern Division finals series. He's hoping that all of that is behind him now.

"I played a long back pass against Sydney Olympic and Marshall Soper got the ball and scored. We ended up losing the game 4-3 and after the match some Croatia supporters said that I'd played the pass deliberately because I was going to try out in Italy and couldn't care less about Croatia."

"That's rubbish. I always try my best for Croatia and I'll be trying just as hard this year."

"The competition is much harder now but Ante Rumora already is back and if I come back that means that we've lost only Petkovic from last year's team and we've bought Slater who is a very good player. We'll have a very strong team and we'll be trying hard to win the championship."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



● Zeljko Jurin — set to rejoin Sydney Croatia after finally coming to terms with the club over a new contract.

# 'SEKI' DUMPS MINH

Minh Tri Vo, the former Vietnamese international, is now weighing up his options as the beginning of the 1987 season approaches.

Minh last week was released from Footscray JUST where he had been training since the new year. Coach Dragoslav Sekularac had doubts over Minh's strength having seen him play in the previous week's Buffalo Cup game against Green Gully.

Having been out of the game since leaving Vietnam in 1978, Minh now has to decide how important his soccer is to him.

"I am working in an aluminium factory," Minh explains, "and my job means I have to do shift work. If I train I cannot do the afternoon shift. While I have been training with Footscray I have had to swap shifts

By  
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Minh had set his sights on playing in the West End National League and now that the JUST opportunity has fallen through he is not sure where to go. He has already been courted by State League clubs, Western Suburbs coach Jim Kondilis saw him training with JUST last week and on hearing of Minh's release invited him to train with Western Suburbs. Minh has also been invited to train with Fawkner.

The 28-year-old midfielder was a star in his own country. His international career was cut short by his escape from the country but he had already played twice — in a 0-0 draw with Cuba and a 0-2 defeat at the hands of East Germany. Both games were played in

fully professional teams in Vietnam — Port of Saigon — and we regularly played in front of big crowds. The game was much less physical and rough over there than it is here. We played in a more South American way. Here, the game seems to be more English in style."

While Minh might not be used to the rough and tumble of Australian soccer he is no stranger to physical hardship. Having fled Vietnam his boat was washed up on the Thailand coast. He had no possessions and was put in the Songkhla camp in which he stayed for five months. The camp contained 7,000 refugees and they were not permitted beyond its boundaries.

"In the camp we would spend our days playing soccer and sitting on the beach. There were barracks to sleep in but they were overcrowded and we would have to clean outside

"I had friends in Melbourne and they sponsored me to come out here. When I arrived I was very skinny. I spent a year studying, learning English and since then have been working."

Minh's involvement in soccer since then has been with the Melbourne Vietnamese Youth and Sport Club. The club's teams train casually on Saturday afternoons and play in friendly matches.

It was last year's local World Cup competition which saw the return of Minh Tri Vo to competitive soccer. Vietnam was knocked out early, something that Minh and the Vietnam coach, Hoang Nguyen Tran, put down to lack of preparation.

There were three other players in that side who had played in the Vietnamese First Division — Lam, Do and Tien — who Minh thinks would be in-

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# The Cole-Heys affair

## Murray: There was no easy way to do it

Bill Murray knows that his standing in the popularity stakes took a bit of a hammering last week but he's prepared to tough it out.

"There was no way of glossing over this situation. No way at all. There was no easy way to do it, no right or wrong time to do it. We all have to walk the line some time. That's part of taking on responsibility as a coach but I'll be honest with you when I say that it was damn hard for me," said Murray.

"Obviously, all the lads are disappointed and although this doesn't make me popular it was something that had to be done. Obviously a lot of personal relationships will suffer but at 31 and with their feelings about the club's rules concerning players there was no way out of this for Gary (Cole) and Graham (Heys). No easy way, anyway."

The Cole, Heys affair calls into question a disturbing aspect of Australian soccer. How fine is the line between the authority a coach has to choose which players he wants and those he doesn't and the economic realities of negotiating contracts? Perhaps coaches here would be better off taking on full-time managerial responsibilities which sees them not only playing the major role in establishing a pattern of play and preparing the players for battle but also being given a budget within which to conduct contractual negotiations with the players.

"I really think that it would be a great thing if coaches were given more managerial responsibilities but it would have to be a full-time thing. Certainly, as things stand now, most coaches really only can make recommendations to committees who then try and come to terms with the players the coach wants to keep."

"I was happy to keep Gary and Graham. I want to make that quite clear. If that hadn't been the case



Bill Murray

then I wouldn't have asked for rises for them.

"Having said that they both knew that there could be no guarantees that they'd be in my team each week. They knew that they'd have to fight for their places like all the other lads because we're going to have a very good team this year."

Murray is hoping that there are positive aspects to the Cole, Heys affair. He's very keen to find out how some of the less experienced players in his squad react.

"This will be the making of some of these young lads. We'll see now whether they stand up and are prepared to be counted or whether they simply lie down. Do they need someone to hold their hand every time they go out onto the park or can they go it alone?"

But while some of the younger Makedonia players are getting their chance to impress their coach, the club is going on the hunt for two strikers, one from overseas, the other from the local market.

"We're looking at guys like Danny Zemunik from Caulfield and Alex Dick from Pines. I hear though that Green Gully are interested in Zemunik. We'll still be pursuing the signature of a striker from the UK, whatever happens."

"This business with Gary and Graham has been tough for everyone at the club but we'll pull through."

Gary Cole and Graham Heys turned up to training with Preston Makedonia last week and were told by coach Bill Murray and president John Branov that the club no longer was prepared to negotiate new contracts with them. Cole is on the transfer list at \$15,000 and Heys is listed at \$7500. Cole, Heys, Murray and Branov are interviewed here by CRAIG MACKENZIE and give their views of an affair that still has the Victorian soccer world talking...

## Cole: Thanks to fans who stuck by me

"Life hasn't exactly been a bed of roses over there (at Makedonia). The day I joined some fans booed me and I've got no doubts that those same so-called supporters probably were cheering when I drove out of the car park after being given the flick at training."

Gary Cole still was coming to terms with being axed when I spoke to him late last week. He signed off by saying that he'd see me at last Saturday's Buffalo Cup game between Makedonia and Melbourne Croatia.

"You can't miss me, I'll be in the grandstand with my Croatia scarf on," said Cole.

He's probably too proud to admit it but Cole was deeply hurt by the way Makedonia treated him. That message rang loud and clear throughout our conversation.

"Yeah, I'm not real impressed at the way it was done. Honestly, if I thought that I couldn't keep going at this level then I'd have given it away. I

had discussed my contract with the club before going to New Zealand on holidays over Christmas. My understanding was that I was to have a think about things then we'd get down to talking again but then the club goes and says they're suddenly not going to negotiate with you anymore."

"The reason I was put on the list some time back is because when I joined from Heidelberg I'd signed a three-year contract with a three-year option. Well, there's no way that a player at my stage of his career is going to have a club take up a three-year option on him, so we had to talk terms over a new contract. The talks



Gary Cole (right) breaks clear of Green Gully's Les Carter. Cole was preparing for his fourth season with Makedonia until being dumped by the club last week.

didn't go well.

"The club's initial offer was a bit of a way away from the figures I'd come up with and last week when I was told I wasn't wanted, the club told me that the original offer they'd made should never have been made, so that's how much we were apart in negotiating."

As we went to press Cole hadn't had offers from other clubs.

"Yeah, I've been beating nobody off with a stick. Actually this has all happened so suddenly that I'll have to consider things carefully. If I'm not wanted as just a player I'll have to consider offers as a player-coach."

"If there's nothing available there I might just take up wind-surfing full-time and get a job

in a pub.

"I'm pretty deflated about it all and \$15,000 is a hell of a lot of money for someone you don't want."

Cole had a good relationship with Makedonia coach Bill Murray both on and off the field. Has that ended in light of Cole's dumping?

"Well, as we're talking now, Billy Murray still hasn't phoned me and I'd be kidding you on if I didn't say that I was pretty disappointed about that."

Should Makedonia have resolved Cole's contractual situation long before things reached an impasse?

"Of course. Preston seem to leave things too late then suddenly end up trying to sign players just before the league

season starts. Everything should have been sorted out one way or the other before Christmas."

Cole makes no bones about the fact that right now he'd love to be wearing an opposition team's colors and banging in goals against Makedonia but he retains his admiration for a small section of the club's supporters.

"Overall I don't have much to say about the supporters but there's been a small group of them that have stuck by me through thick and thin. They know who they are and they've helped me through the rough times. They're what I call supporters. I've got a lot of respect for them and to them I'd just like to say thanks."

## Heys: Training was bloody boring



When Graham Heys took down the two-foolscap length list of behavioural rules for Makedonia players and stapled it to a dressing room peg about two weeks ago, he'd more or less resigned himself to the fact that he was on the outer.

It was Heys way of letting the club know what he thought about the rules and training.

"There had been a rumor circulating among the lads (the players) that the club was going to put up a list of players' rules and by-laws which it did, the other week," said Heys.

John Branov stood up and said that he was putting 100 percent into the club and expected us to do the same. He said something along the lines of having to regard the club as one of our main places of employment and if we didn't accept that then we should go.

The minute that list went up there was a fair bit of sarcasm flying about the place because the lads didn't think much of it. I was involved in the sarcasm and when I stapled the list to a peg in the changing rooms that was probably the last straw as far as the club was concerned."

The list included fines for missing training and not reporting injuries to the club doctor. Players missing pre-season training sessions were to be fined \$25 a session. Once the West End National League season starts, that fine rises to \$50 a session.

"Guys like me and Coley (Gary Cole) were more affected than the others because of our work commitments and the amount of travelling we have to do from training. The club's only giving us \$60 a week in training money and you don't see a Rhodes scholar to work out that if you miss say three sessions in the one week you're fined a lot more than \$60," said Heys.

There were also fines for not reporting injuries to the club doctor, say that you got injured on the Sunday and didn't report it to the club doctor and because of your injury you don't turn up to a training session then there's another \$50.

discuss new terms. He claims that he wasn't given a proper chance to do so. He claims that there was a big communication problem within the club that led to his sacking last week.

"I wanted to discuss some sort of compromise with the club but I wasn't really given the chance. To be honest, I don't even know for certain that this is the end of the road as far as Preston is concerned because they may suddenly decide to give me a chance to discuss my situation properly."

"But I'm not convinced that Murray (Billy Murray, the coach) tried hard to keep me. I mean, if he tried hard to keep me then surely the committee would have had to support him. After all, they're the people that hired him."

"Anyway, when all this flared up I couldn't really be bothered arguing the toss."

"Perhaps I'm the only player that will say this but I was getting tired of the training methods. It was bloody boring as far as I was concerned. We were training four nights a week and I was running around like a clown. Sure, we need the physical work but I think that it was done to excess."

"Not long after I returned from holiday, we played Frankston Pines in the Buffalo Cup. We won 4-2 but only after Pines came right back into the match. I fell down with one of the fittest players at the club after that game and he told me it was no bloody wonder the lads were jaded in the second half because they were bugged from the sort of training they'd been doing."

So where is now for the 31-year-old Heys?

"I'm emphatic about still wanting to play in the National League but I've sat down with Coley and we've looked at the situations at

## Branov: Enough was enough!

John Branov has a matter-of-fact attitude to the dumping of Gary Cole and Graham Heys.

"It simply came down to a matter of negotiations which fell through and didn't look like they could be resolved. The club finally decided that enough was enough," said the Makedonia president.

The Melbourne Press reported last week that some of the rules regarding players' behaviour, which were clearly articulated by Branov recently at a meeting with the players, included the need for players' wives or girlfriends to attend club social functions and pay their own way.

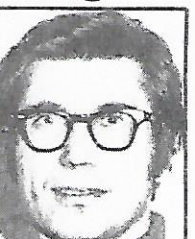
"Although we reserve the right to enforce such rules I can state categorically that no player or his wife has had to pay to attend our social functions," said Branov.

"Gary Cole was transfer listed some time ago because we weren't prepared to take up the option in his contract and in keeping with National League rules we then had to place him on the transfer list."

"We negotiated with Gary for a long time, in fact, we informed him at the end of October last year that we wouldn't be exercising the option clause in his contract with us."

But Makedonia took up the option on the Heys contract. Branov claims that Heys then wanted to negotiate a new contract.

"Graham Heys indicated to me that he wasn't happy with his situation. He went away on holidays straight after our first game against Vardar in January without asking us whether or not he



John Branov

ply said that he was going on holiday and left.

"When Graham started to talk about a new contract he showed interest in getting more money than he'd received last year and he also wanted a free transfer at the end of the contract. The committee was not prepared to accept such terms."

"I told all the players a week before this happened that if anyone wasn't happy then they should come and tell me. I wasn't approached by any player."

Branov is annoyed that the Cole, Heys affair has been written up as sackings.

"We did not sack the players. We told them that negotiations had broken down."

"Bill (Murray) told them that because he couldn't use them they could train with the youth team or with another club."

"I think that the spirit at the club right now is better than it has ever been and I think that our players have



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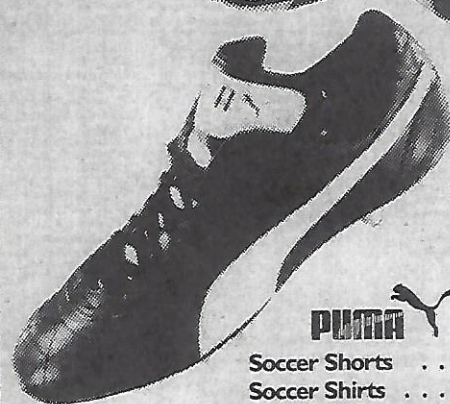
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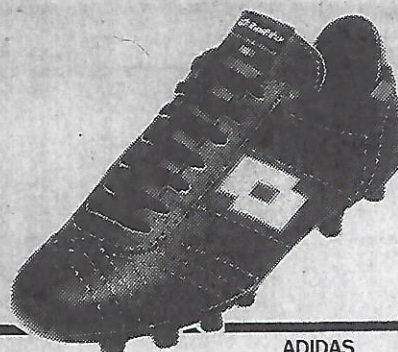
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### Heidelberg 2 Croydon 1

Scorers: Ketsakidis 52nd, D. Brown penalty 54th (H); French penalty 36th (G).

The stars of this match were Croydon defenders Mark Brown and Greg Brack and Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, which gives you an indication of which team emerged from the contest with the greater credit — Croydon.

The State League outfit shut out Heidelberg's much vaunted strike force of Laurie McKenna, Andy Deeley and Doug Brown and if not for Oliver's superb reflexes, Heidelberg could have been embarrassed by the scoreline.

Heidelberg coach Roy MacLaren decided to drop Con Pappas, who has been in good form in the Buffalo Cup, to make way for right back Paul Langsbury, who arrived in Australia about a fortnight ago and has played non-league football in England.

Some players seemed rather bemused by referee Mike Gault's display. Gault waved play on after tackles that so many other refs award free kicks for. In Gault's defence, it must be said that there's a strong argument for letting play flow and that's just what he did. If players made it clear that their intention was to play the ball and in so doing they

### Man of the match: MARK BROWN (Croydon)

made contact with opponents. Gault let it go. It certainly wasn't what I'm used to but as a spectator I liked it.

Of course that doesn't mean that the laws of the game no longer apply. Take an incident in the second minute for example. Graham French was off-side. No doubt about it, even though the linesman didn't think so. French turned around and blasted the ball at goal but Oliver had come off his line to narrow the angle and did really well to parry the shot out for a corner.

Heidelberg still threatened the Croydon goal in the 21st minute. A long throw-in from the right was headed on at the near post by McKenna and firmly headed by Claude Lucchesi but straight at Croydon goalie Keith Waterman.

Oliver was absolutely magnificent in the 29th minute when he single-handedly stopped Croydon from scoring. Mind you, was Alex Livingstone probably always will wonder how he managed to miss twice in succession from two metres out!

Dave Brogan skinned Langsbury down the left and crossed to the far post. French was steaming in and knocked the ball back into the goalmouth. Livingstone had the goal at his mercy but somehow Oliver managed to spread himself and block his shot. The ball went back to Livingstone but by then Oliver had recovered in a flash and again Oliver blocked Livingstone's point-blank shot. It's the sort of stuff that makes people like us lavish praise on the man who rightlily is the number one keeper in the national team.

Mark Brown will never play for Australia, in fact he may never play in the National League. Goodness knows why for he is one of the finest keepers I've seen in Victorian soccer in the 1980s. He took time off from keeping Heidelberg's forwards quiet to save Croydon in the 34th minute when he headed a superb Lucchesi header at the line. What a pity that Brown doesn't seem motivated enough to make his mark at a higher club level.

Croydon hit the front from a well taken French penalty in the 38th minute but the long throw tactic with McKenna heading on at the near post which we saw in the first half, really paid dividends in the 52nd minute. McKenna headed on and Chris Ketsakidis headed in to make it 1-1.

Two minutes later, disaster struck for Croydon and teenager Brack who had been in the goal well, Brack handled and referee Gault pointed to the penalty spot. Dougie Brown

rarely misses and he had no trouble giving Heidelberg the lead.

A minute later, Doug Brown played a superb ball from the left, picking out Deeley wide on the right but the Kiwi international chested the ball too far forward, allowing Waterman to come off his line and gather.

In the 60th minute we saw the tremendous close ball control of Brogan. He completely

bamboozled Theo Selemidis wide on the left and cut the ball back. Livingstone's clever dummy was wasted when young substitute Jason Harbison missed the ball completely. It was a great chance for Croydon to level.

French certainly should have levelled in the 63rd minute but again Oliver reacted magnificently to block French's shot.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Stuart Stevenson



George Cross striker Paul Trimboli (right) heads firmly to send the ball past St. Albans Dinamo goalkeeper Mato Grgic. Dinamo defender Rob Krajacic is next to Trimboli. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

## UNLUCKY DINAMO

### George Cross 1 St. A. Dinamo 0

Scorer: Trimboli 8th. Young Socceroo Paul Trimboli vindicated John Gardiner's decision to give him his first full game for George Cross by scoring in the 8th minute to confirm the club's place in the Buffalo Cup semi-finals.

Gardiner's talented team took this game by the scruff of the neck in the first half but St. Albans Dinamo just wouldn't be kept down.

Dinamo came back in the second half to push George Cross for the points in a performance reminiscent of its game against Juventus in which it also put up a fighting display only to be beaten 1-4. The goal which sunk Dinamo came early. A George Cross corner found Andy Edwards at the near post. He flicked it back for Trimboli to head past a lunging Mato Grgic who could get his hands to it but could not stop it.

Trimboli and Edwards combined brilliantly again 12 minutes later.

Trimboli took advantage of a poor backpass by Svetko Rastocic and was on the ball in a flash. He embarked on a jinking, weaving run towards the edge of the penalty area but

### Man of the match: DON MACLAREN (George Cross)

up the pressure that Cross put them under and deserved a better result.

Goran Runje looked menacing up front for Dinamo and in the 31st minute blasted a good shot from the edge of the area.

Early in the second half Ivan Duzel was involved in a couple of strong runs including putting a great through ball to Danny Ramljak with Shaun Parton coming to George Cross's rescue with a goal-mouth header. Tony Vrzina's side did get the ball in the net in the 58th minute but referee George Blake ruled that Dennis Morovic and Ramljak had charged goalkeeper Sean Keogh in the process.

So, once again Dinamo was unlucky to lose a closely fought match.

— JOHN MANGAN

## LUCKY JUVENTUS

### Juventus 1 Frank. Pines 0

Scorer: Durakovic 53rd. Juventus was lucky to come out of this game with a 1-0 win against a Frankston Pines team which refused to allow Juventus to settle down in midfield.

Danny McMinimee's State League outfit didn't give Juventus the room to take control of the game in the way McKendry's team had done in its previous game against Makedonia.

Juventus's goal however was a beauty. Mehmet Durakovic, the centre of a lot of attention lately, met a pass which came from an Anthony Grbac manoeuvre and ran through the middle on his own to calmly slot the ball past goalkeeper Dennis Boland. It

### Man of the match: ANDREW ZINNI (Juventus)

was Durakovic's second goal in two games since moving into a midfield role.

For Boland it was his farewell game with Pines before moving across to fellow State League club Springvale. He had a good game and showed he's lost none of his bravery, going in where the boots were flying in the 12th minute as Pines desperately tried to clear the ball out of their goalmouth.

Andrew Zinni showed from the start that he was going to be

a threat on the Pines goal making space up front and taking the ball wide when given half opportunity. His pace is at times astonishing. He could however have made more of a chance at the beginning of the second-half when he dribbled in on the right side of the penalty-area, but with fellow striker Sean Lane waiting in the middle, he blasted a shot wide.

While for Pines it was another satisfying result for a team still trying to sort itself out, for Juventus it was worrying to see the momentum of the previous game against Makedonia lost in a match which the team made hard work of. But if playing poorly and winning is the sign of a good team then this game can be seen as a good result for the National League side.

— JOHN MANGAN

### Man of the match: STUART STEVENSON (SM-Hellas)

### SM-Hellas 4 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Stevenson 15th, Wright 27th, Egan 51st, Kalo-geros 65th (SMH); McLelland 50th (GG).

With Paul Wade off on his honeymoon and Ken Murphy and Steve Tasios on the bench, Stuart Stevenson grabbed this chance to impress coach Brian Garvey and was involved in three Hellas goals.

Stevenson scored the opening goal and his superb crosses set up the third and fourth goals in a pretty impressive Hellas display.

Garvey didn't see it that way. He was disappointed with his team's second half performance. Nevertheless, the Hellas goals were well worth watching and the attacking potential of this outfit is awesome.

After just 15 minutes, Danny Cranine got down the left and crossed to the near post. Charlie Egan touched the ball on to the incoming George Kalo-geros at the far post and Kalo-geros's shot-cum-cross was headed in by Stevenson.

A superb pass by Manny Anzakis led to an excellent Danny Wright goal in the 27th minute. Anzakis, wide on the right sent the ball crossfield to Wright who escaped his marker then sent in a firm left footed shot which eluded the diving Lou Denys and went inside the far post.

Two minutes later, Tommy Cumming's fine lay-off set up the incoming David Deakin on the right of the Hellas area but Deakin rushed his shot. It was poorly timed and directed and sailed well over.

In the 32nd minute Egan broke through to face Denys. Egan steadied, picked his spot, then drove the ball wide of the near post in uncharacteristic fashion.

The second half was just a minute old when John Grimmaud made a tremendous tackle on Egan who was preparing to shoot from well inside the Gully area.

Hellas really was cruising when it was jolted back into action with Gully's goal in the 50th minute. Danny Ward won the ball in the air at the far post, sending his header low to the left of Laumets. The Hellas goalie got down well but only

could palm the ball out to the incoming Steve McLelland and his tap-in made it 2-1.

That gave Gully heart — for about 60 seconds.

A pin-point Stevenson cross from the right was headed back into the goalmouth by Wright and headed in by Egan.

Denys did well to get a hand to the ball but couldn't stop it crossing the line.

The final Hellas goal came in the 68th minute and it was an absolute gem. Garry McDowell stroled past an opponent wide on the right then played the ball into Egan's feet. Egan had come off his marker to receive the pass. He then spun around, dummied past an opponent then played a well weighted pass to Stevenson wide on the right. Stevenson's pin-point far post cross was met by George Kalo-geros who headed firmly past Denys to cap a splendid move.

## McIntosh sent off

### Man of the match: JOSIP BISKIC (Croatia)

### Croatia 1 P. Makedonia 0

Scorer: Biskic 65th.

This pairing seemed unbalanced from the start with Croatia strengthened by the arrival of Alan Davidson and Makedonia depleted by the sacking of Gary Cole and Graham Heys.

However, in the end Croatia didn't score the only goal of the game until it was reduced to 10 men by the sending off of central defender Dave McIntosh.

It was the skill of Anton Lemezinia who came on as substitute for Paul Lewis 26 minutes into the game which set up Josip Biskic's goal five minutes from time.

Lemezinia beat two players on the right hand side before sending in a cross for Biskic to head home.

It was a fitting reward for Biskic who had been in the action on a number of occasions including sending in a dangerous swooping cross from the right hand side in the first 10 minutes of the game which had drawn a courageous save from Philip Traianedes in the Makedonia goal.

Davidson slotted into Terry Hennessey's new-look Croatia defence at left back. His \$22,000 transfer from Hellas had been sealed on Friday after Croatia had refused to pay the \$38,000 the Appeals Board put on his hand.

He didn't have much opportunity to display his formidable skills however as the makeshift Preston attack had difficulty getting to grips with his newly found responsibilities.

Dave McIntosh earned the first early bath of the 1987 season when FIFA referee Stuart Mellings took exception to McIntosh impeding Makedonia forward Michael Brian, by grabbing his shirt. McIntosh had picked up a yellow card in the first half.

Croatia forward Andy Humble executed a couple of penetrating runs — his best coming minutes before full-time when he darted through the middle, sent the ball wide to Biskic on the right and was following up at the near post for Biskic's cross which goalie Traianedes got to first.

So, it was in the end a solid result for a Croatia team with much potential, sealing its place in this Saturday's semi-finals with still a game to play.



### McGorian's available

Mick McGorian (pictured) is on the transfer list at Frankston Pines.

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**HEIDELBERG** Oliver 8 - Langsbury 4, Selemidis 7, Ketsakidis 6, Marley 6 - Kanisovic 6, Lucchesi 7, Valentine 6 - Deeley 5, McKenna 6, D Brown 5 - Coach: Roy MacLaren.

**CROYDON** Waterman 6 - M Brown 8, Brack 7, Tansey 7, Beech 7 - McDonald 6 (Hannan 55th), O'Reilly 6, Nelson 6, Livingstone 6 - French 6, Brogan 7, Coach: Jim Tansey.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Biskic 65th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Olympic Park last Saturday night. Cautions: McIntosh, Talajic (MC); Gojevic (PM). Sent off: McIntosh 44th. Crowd: about 2,500. Referee: Stuart Mellings 5.**

**MELBOURNE CROATIA** Runje 6 - Hannah 7, Dunn 7, McIn-

tosh 6 (sent off 44th), Davidson 6 - Talajic 6, Campbell 6, Maclean 6, Biskic 6 - Humble 7, Lewis 6 (Lemezna 55th) Coach: Terry Hennessy.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA** Traianedes 6 - Roodhouse 5, Jackson 7, Dobson 7, Opasni 7, Coppers 7, Bicki 6, Campbell 6, Brian 6, van Egmond 6, Gojevic 7, Coach: Billy Murray.

**GEORGE CROSS 1 (Trimboli 8th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 at Olympic Park last Friday night. Crowd: about 2,000. Referee: George Blakey 7.**

**GEORGE CROSS** Keogh 6 - Marth 6, Parton 6, Taylor 6, Campbell 7 - Mitten 6 (Faulkner 63rd), Innes 6, MacLaren 6, Markovski 7 - Trimboli 6, Edwards 7 - Coach: John Gardiner.

**ST ALBANS DINAMO** Grigic 6 - Ramjak 6, Krasicic 7, Brijla 6 - Dragovic 5 - Rastocic 6, Culina 6, Brack 6, Duzel 6 - Morovic 6, Runje 7 - Coach: Tony Vrzina.

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Durakovic 53rd) FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Olympic Park last Sunday night. Crowd: about 1,500 (double header). Referee: John Stojkovic 6.**

**BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** Marra 6 - Lewis 6, Vesnaver 6, Yendoo 6, Incantupo 6 - Cullen 6, Durakovic 6, Grbac 7, Patterson 7 - Zinn 7, Lano 5 - Coach: Len McKendry.

**FRANKSTON PINES** Boland 7 - Cumming 6, Park 7, Bozic 6, Thurlow 6 - Watson 7, Cullen 6, Ferris 5, Miller 6 - Hennessy 7, Armstrong 5 - Coach: Danny McMinimee.

**BOX HILL 4 (Griffin 5th & 11th, Hennessey 15th, A Roodhouse 50th) FOOTSCRAY JUST**

**0, at Olympic Park last Sunday night. Crowd: about 1,500 (double header). Referee: Torben Sorenson 6.**

**BOX HILL** McKinnlay 7 - Davidson 7, Bird 7, McMillan 7, A Roodhouse 7 - Brimmer 7, Hennessy 8, Hurton 7, White 7 - Griffin 5, Azzopardi 7 - Coach: George Murray.

**FOOTSCRAY JUST** Vlahovic 6 - Burtak 4, Karic 4, James 5, Zivkovic 4 - Tapa 4, Lazopoulos 4, Spink (in sub Maric 4, 25th) Obradovic 6, Lof 6, Lujic 5 - Coach: Dragan Sekularac.

## PLAYER OF THE SERIES

Andrew Zinni, Rob Krasicic, Mark Brown, Charlie Egan and Danny Crainie picked up votes last weekend to break from the pack in the Buffalo Cup Player of the Series Award.

Juventus forward Zinni maintained his lead with a good performance against Frankston Pines which earned him 2.5 points. Charlie Egan scored the maximum three points in Hellas' game against Green Gully to give him seven points. Here are the votes:

**South Melbourne Hellas v Green Gully:** 3 - Egan (SMH); 1.5 - Stevenson (SMH); Crainie (SMH).

**George Cross v St Albans Dinamo:** 3 - MacLaren (GC); 2 - Krasicic (SIAD); 1 - Edwards (GC).

**Heidelberg Alexander v Croydon City:** 2.5 - M Brown (CC); Oliver (HD); 0.5 - Ketsakidis (HD), Brack (CC).

**Melbourne Croatia v Preston Makedonia:** 3 - Biskic (MC); 2 - Jackson (PM); 1 - Hannah (MC).

**Footscray JUST v Box Hill:** 3 - Griffin (BH); 2 - Hennessy (BH); 1 - Azzopardi (BH).

**Brunswick Juventus v Frankston Pines:** 2.5 - Zinni (BJ); Watson (FP); 1 - Grbac (BJ).

**Progressive leaders:** 9.5 - Zinni (BJ); 8 - Krasicic (SIAD); 7.5 - M Brown (GC); 7 - Egan (SMH); 6.5 - Crainie (SMH); 6 - Marth (GC); Selemidis (HD), van Egmond (PM); 5.5 - Talajic (MC).

## Group A standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sun. Geo Cross	3	2	0	6	2	8
Melbourne Croatia	3	1	0	4	0	7
Brunswick Juventus	3	0	2	6	5	6
Preston Makedonia	2	1	2	7	6	5
St Albans Dinamo	0	1	3	0	4	1
Frankston Pines	0	1	4	3	9	1

## Group B standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sth Melb Hellas	4	0	1	5	2	8
Heid Alexander	4	0	1	7	3	8
Green Gully	4	0	3	5	7	4
Box Hill	2	0	3	5	10	4
Footscray JUST	1	1	3	3	10	3
Croydon City	0	1	3	2	5	1

# Davidson, Crainie, Markovski, Selemidis

Alan Davidson, Danny Crainie, John Markovski and Theo Selemidis — these are just some of the big names who will be lining up at Olympic Park on Saturday night to battle it out for a place in the Buffalo Cup final.

With the big Greek teams and Melbourne Croatia as well as George Cross in the do-or-die semi there is bound to be a bumper crowd for the double header which kicks off at 7pm instead of the usual Buffalo Cup k.o. time of 7.15pm.

So, who will it be — Hellas, Heidelberg, George Cross or Croatia?

Though going into these games on an even keel, their paths to the semi have differed vastly. South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg have cruised through their Group B matches and quickly established themselves as the group's leading contenders.

Group A has been much more closely fought. Melbourne Croatia made the early running with George Cross and Preston Makedonia hot on its heels. Juventus was

By  
**JOHN MANGAN**

right off the pace losing its first two games, while the State League teams, St Albans Dinamo and Frankston Pines, while not setting the group on fire performed respectably.

However, after battling to the top of the group with a stirring 4-2 win over Frankston Pines the wheels fell off the Makedonia card and two defeats at the hands of Juventus and Croatia saw the team fall from contention.

Juventus made a late run to third place in the group but it was too late to have any hopes of contesting the final stages of the tournament. State League Pines and Dinamo were the whipping boys of the group failing to be up among the leaders at any time.

In spite of Hellas and Heidelberg's domination of Group B it was here that the State League clubs made their biggest impact. Gus MacLeod's Green Gully performed most creditably of the State League sides in the competition and after two games

held second place in front of Heidelberg on goal difference just after the Bergers had been narrowly defeated by Hellas.

Then last weekend Box Hill pulled off the biggest upset of the Buffalo Cup thrashing Footscray JUST 4-0. And this was the same team which had gone down against Hellas to the tune of 6-0!

If Brunswick Juventus was slow to start in Group A, JUST spluttered a few times but failed to get going at all!

The club's disappointing start was attributed to the absence of star coach Dragan Sekularac who was still holidaying overseas when the competition began. While Zdravko Lujic was standing in as caretaker coach the JUST fans were waiting for Seki's return just so that he could weave some of his magic with the team.

However, the return of Sekularac did not solve JUST's ills. Indeed Sekularac has said that the current team is heading for relegation from the NSL unless the club gets an injection of new talent immediately. As if to confirm his troubled predictions, his team, admittedly not

at full strength, was then topped by Box Hill.

Hellas, at this stage however, is the raging red-hot favorite for the Cup. It has topped all-comers so far in Group B including Heidelberg which it beat in a thrilling encounter which saw Hellas recover from a blitz on its goal for the first twenty minutes of the game to come back and take the match.

Brian Garvey's team contains so many players to watch. Charlie Egan and Danny Wright have both been earning the crowd's applause with their goal-scoring feats but it is the midfield talent that makes the team tick.

Gary McDowall and George Kalogeros have both amply demonstrated their skills at setting up opportunities for their strikers but the man who Hellas' opponents on Saturday night need to fear most is blond Scot Danny Crainie. His ball control and vision are Hellas' most dangerous weapons and the way he has bounced back after being carried from the park during the team's 6-0 battering of Box Hill is a tribute to his tenacity.

If form was anything to go by they could hand over the

Buffalo Cup to Hellas right now.

Heidelberg, though not playing Hellas tonight, knows that Hellas is not unbeatable. Though on the night the two teams met Hellas came out on top. Heidelberg is a side still improving.

Laurie McKinnay and Andy Deeley have shown a great deal of promise in their outings as the new Heidelberg strikeforce, and their understanding can only get better.

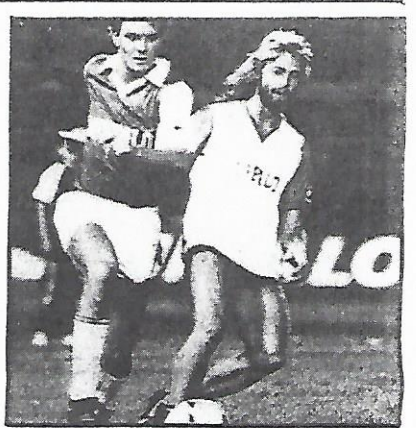
Meanwhile Jeff Oliver has been reasserting his hold on the Australian goalkeeping position with a string of good games and Theo Selemidis has been proving that he is still one of the country's leading defenders.

While George Cross began the competition as the plucky outfit of Group A thanks to the signing of Young Soccerer Paul Trimboli direct from a series of stunning performances in Australia's World Youth Cup qualifying matches in New Zealand, Croatia has well and truly taken over that title with the signing of Alan Davidson and the imminent arrival of Scots Willie Herd and Ian Wallace.

While Herd and Wallace won't be here in time to compete in Saturday's games fans can expect Davidson to line up alongside fellow international Robbie Dunn in a defence which, on paper, is one of the strongest around.

Defending has not been Croatia's worry though — rather it has been a dearth of goals from the team's attackers. While getting the crucial goals, Paul Lewis, Andy Humble and co have not been able to carry on with the job and consolidate the team's lead. And while Croatia has been able to weather the storm against the Dinamos and the Pines of the competition, it need not expect the same light treatment from the Hellas and Heidelberg.

George Cross comes into the semi-finals with an unbeaten record but while at times the



● Hellas midfielder Danny Crainie (left) — the man to fear come Buffalo Cup semi-final time on Saturday night.

team has shown flashes of brilliance, it has lacked the consistency against teams poorer in talent.

However, maybe tough games against the most highly rated teams of the competition will be just what John Gardner's young team needs to bring the best out of it. With Don McLaren really blossoming at the moment the time could be just right for an all-out assault on the first major trophy of the season.

However, George Cross should be wary, as indeed should the other three semi-finalists that success in the Cup does not necessarily rub off in the bread and butter National League — and that's a lesson that Croatia learnt all too harshly last year, stumbling from one set-back to another after winning last year's Buffalo Gold Cup.

## McMorrow's on the move

Tom McMorrow is back in action, fully fit, and keen to join a Victorian State League club.

McMorrow suffered a knee injury which kept him out of the game for virtually two seasons but he joined in George Cross's pre-season training last December and the talented defender or midfielder now has set his sights on re-establishing himself in State League.

The 21-year-old already has played in State League for a season and a half and his club, Albion Turk Gucu, has placed just \$350 on his head. McMorrow represented Victoria from under-13 to youth levels and can be contacted at work on 267 2244 or at home on 363 4133.

# AMON BACK AT JUST?

**Box Hill 4  
Footscray JUST 0**

Scorers: Griffin 5th & 11th; Hennessey 15th; A. Roodhouse 50th.

A strong move to re-instate former club president Tony Amon is expected to be made at a meeting of Footscray JUST members on Sunday.

Amon said that if the members really wanted him back, he would consider it.

Amon bowed out in January when the club rejected his plan of selling shares to a number of prominent Yugoslav businessmen willing to finance the club.

He said last week he would have to contact them to see whether they were still willing to put in money.

It has become exceedingly obvious that JUST does not, at the moment, have the resources to compete with the Sydney Croats, Marconis, Melbourne Croats and Hellas of the National League. Even coach Dragan Sekularac expects a shake-up on Sunday. He said he wanted the club to buy him at least two defenders, and a midfielder, in addition to striker Alexander Radivojevic who will arrive from Partizan Belgrade in a few weeks' time.

The players available at the moment are Gary Cole (\$15,000) and Graham Heys (\$7500) from Makedonia and perhaps Carl Halford of Hellas. Vicente Estavillo, who was transfer-listed by Sydney Olympic last week, probably would fit well into JUST's style, but he is a visa player and JUST does not have any visa vacancies. Gary van Egmond, ex-APIA, is likely to be signed, but unless more players are recruited quickly, we may see Sekularac jetting back home to Yugoslavia.

I think he was intent on proving a point to the committee when he lined up with a makeshift team against Box Hill.

Fair enough, Rade Barjakovic and Suleiman Curcovic

**Man of the match:**  
**PHIL GRIFFIN**  
(Box Hill)

but Sekularac has said from the very start that if the club does not have the players he requires, then that is the club's problem, not his.

It certainly was a problem against Box Hill, as JUST lined up with reserve players Dragan Zivkovic at left back, Nick Burtak at right back, Danny Obradovic up front, and Mark Maric who came on when Warren Spink was injured in the 25th minute.

Strangely absent once more was Dean Milosevic, even though he signed with JUST

after switching from Brisbane City a few weeks ago.

Sekularac, apparently, does not consider Milosevic to be up to standard.

Ossie Latif was back after a long holiday, and tried hard enough up front although it will take him some time to regain match fitness.

Box Hill looked like world-beaters against this rag-tag lot. Phil Griffin, due to join Caulfield, put the ball into the net only to have the goal disallowed by referee Torben Sorenson after barely a minute of play. But the return of David Azzopardi helped spark the Box Hill attack to new heights, and when Dean Hennessey flicked on a corner in the fifth minute, there was Griffin to nod it home for the first goal.

Some sloppy passing by JUST caused Ernie Tapai to be

caught in possession in the 11th minute. The ball was pushed into the open, outside the penalty area. Griffin reached it ahead of the defence and, spotting goalkeeper Zoran Vlahovic off his line, lobbed it expertly into the net.

Then Barry Burton took a corner and Hennessey speared home a header at the near post to make it 3-0.

Moments after half time, JUST appeared to deserve a penalty over a foul on Zdravko Lujic, but the appeal was turned down and Box Hill continued its clinical dissection. Azzopardi sent the ball wide to overlapping left back Alan Roodhouse who struck a glorious shot with the outside of his left foot, just inside the far post for the fourth goal.

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# Can Croatia shackle 'Platini'?

**Zlatko Nastevski, 22 goal hero of Rockdale Ilinden during the 1986 season, returned to Australia to join Marconi and almost overnight became the darling of the Marconi fans.**

He scored four goals and laid on two more as Marconi steamrolled Melita Eagles 8-2 last



State Bank Cup with ALEX VESIC

weekend to enter the State Bank Challenge Cup Final on Sunday against Sydney Croatia.

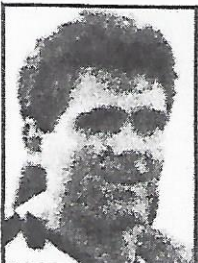
Nastevski's close skills gave this Marconi

outfit a new dimension and his shooting earned him the tag of "Michel" Nastevski, a reference to the famous French World Cup star Michel Platini.

## Graham Jennings breaks the ice



Graham Jennings



Zarko Odzakovic

**Syd Croatia 3 Blacktown 0**  
At Marconi Stadium  
Crowd: 4,325  
Referee: Richard Lorenz 8  
Cautions: Reynolds (BV)  
Scorers: Slater 85th, 87th, Jennings 70th.

A four struggle between two evenly matched teams went on for 70 minutes before Graham Jennings raced through to score and give his side the upper hand.

Robbie Slater added further goals in the closing stages to knock Blacktown out of the running for this year's Cup.

Neither side was able to turn the tide in its favor and chances were few and far between. In fact it looked like an extremely painful ordeal for this large crowd on a rainy night with extra time and possibly penalties to decide the issue.

Then came this fine run by Jennings who strode into the penalty area but his first attempt was blocked. He received a lucky rebound and managed to stab it into the net from close range.

From then on it was all Croatia as the tri-colors found holes in this Blacktown defence.

Zarko Odzakovic and Jennings combined to set up Slater in the 85th. Slater turned one defender before beating an advancing Steve Watson.

Then with seconds ticking away and the Cup Final berth

**Man of the match: ROBBIE SLATER (Syd. Croatia)**

well in his grasp, Croatia scored through Slater again. He beat Ralph Maier on the touchline then raced straight at Watson before slipping his shot high into the roof of the goal.

Croatia struggled during the first period and looked all at sea at times. In fact had Paul Kay scored in the 44th things could have been quite different. Adam Sandy nodded one down for Kay and Tony Franken looked beaten as Kay faced the Croatian keeper. Somehow Kay missed and with it went the only real opportunity for Blacktown in this match.

For Croatia the turning point came with the appearance of Zeljko Jurin in the 51st minute. Jurin replaced an indifferent Manic Lamond and gave Croatia a much-needed boost. Suddenly Blacktown was faced with a menacing Jurin on one side as well as Slater on the other.

And while Jurin managed to draw the attention of defenders on his flank and make many a fine run, Slater picked up the goals.

It was the sustained pressure by Croatia during this period that gave it a place in the Cup Final.

Marconi's huge win over Melita was achieved with help from the losing side. Melita continued its pre-season practice of applying pressure on its opponent by moving its last line of defence close to the centre line causing Frank Farina and Stephen Maxwell to be caught off-side on numerous occasions. But in the end the speed of Marconi's players caused havoc making this type of defence ineffective.

Goals came thundering past Dragan Pupovac, the man least to blame for this amazing result.

Blacktown came second best in the other semi against Croatia, succumbing to an onslaught during the second period and losing by a three-goal margin. And yet again there was justification for jubilation among the platina fans as Zeljko Jurin returned to the side during the second half to turn the tide Croatia's way.

His much-needed thrust gave Robbie Slater a new lease of life and helped Croatia subdue this talented and eager Blacktown outfit.

So this Sunday it's Cup Final time and as expected the NSL giants, Marconi and Croatia, are to do battle.

Rozic versus Maxwell, Henderson versus Arnold and Odzakovic versus Slater will square up to Wheatley and Farina will confront Jennings.

To suggest that there will be few goals is an understatement, to assume that the crowd will be entertained is safe to do so and the winner of this final is hard to pick.

If I was to choose between the two then I would lean towards Marconi — if for no other reason than its ability to outscore its opponent.

But what a great game we've got in store!

### Likely Cup Final line-ups:

#### MARCONI

James  
Carter Henderson Gomez Wheatley  
Lowe Gray Mason Nastevski  
Farina Maxwell

#### CROATIA

Franken  
Jones  
Savor Vlietstra Rozic Jennings  
Rezo Odzakovic  
Slater Arnold Jurin

## Nastevski inspires an eight-goal rampage

**Man of the match: ZLATKO NASTEVSKI (Marconi)**

**Marconi 8 Melita Eagles 2**  
At Marconi Stadium  
Crowd: 4,325  
Referee: Gary Power 9  
Cautions: Vial (ME), Farina, Gray (M)  
Scorers: Nastevski 13th, 39th, 75th, 84th, Farina 82nd, 90th, Maxwell 89th, 90th, 30th, (M), Foxman 36th, Farrugia 56th, (ME).

It was all systems go for Roberto Vieri's charges as Zlatko Nastevski led Melita Eagles a merry dance to score four goals and create another two in Marconi's crushing defeat of Melita in the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup at Marconi Stadium.

As early as the 12th minute Nastevski made a fine break but his final shot skidded wide of the post. Only a minute later Nastevski had the first opportunity to show his large crowd his free kick skills as he lined up a 20-metre shot from the left hand side.

Melita's wall presented no problems as Nastevski looped his right footer which eluded Dragan Pupovac to clear out the onrushing in the top right hand corner of the net. It was a superb goal and one which looked so much like those scored by French World Cup star Michel Platini.

David Lowe was among the first to successfully beat the offside trap wide on the left then slip through to face Pupovac. He was around the keeper in a flash then with the net gaping wide he slid his knees across the area for Steve Maxwell to tap it home and make it 2-0.

Melita continued to play an open game and was often exposed to some fine quick runs by this speedy Marconi outfit. Robert Wheatley was the next player to expose this weak link in Melita's defensive wall to set up Ian Gray who made no mistake.

Ray Farrugia's corner kick found John Foxman inside the area and an accurate header gave Melita one of its rare moments of glory but Nastevski came back close to half time with an easy goal after a break by Lowe to make it 4-1.

At the start of the second half Melita came forward and looked venomous. A couple of shots by Greg Brown came close to getting past Bruce James with Lenny Vial stopping one of them. But the barnstorming Kiwi striker gave the Marconi defence no respite as he surged forward in the 56th. He beat two poor tackles to find Ray Farrugia on the right who slammed a great right footer wide of James to make it 4-2.

A volley by Nastevski in the 75th was a gem to give Marconi a three-goal lead then came a superb through ball by Nastevski to Frank Farina but the youngster muffed it.

Another superb through ball by Nastevski to Lowe, followed by a cross from Lowe found Farina facing Pupovac again and this time it was 6-2.

Lowe was in superb touch in the 84th as he found Nastevski wide on the left and on the edge of the penalty area. The experienced striker waltzed

past Williams then slotted his shot into the top corner to make it 7-2.

The slaughter was completed

by Farina with the help of a defender. A cross from the right hand side by Nastevski was backheeled by Farina. It

looked as if Pupovac had it covered but the ball struck a defender and rolled just inside the post.

### SEMI DETAILS

**MARCONI 8 (Nastevski 13th, 39th, 75th, 84th, Farina 82nd, 90th, Gray 30th) MELITA EAGLES 2 (Foxman 36th, Farrugia 56th) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,325 (double header). Referee: Gary Power 9. Cautions: Vial (ME); Farina, Gray (Marc).**

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Henderson 5, Wheatley 7, Gomez 6 — Lowe 8, Gray 7, Mason 7, Nastevski 10 — Farina 7, Maxwell 6 (Okon 81st) Coach: Roberto Vieri.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 6 — Williams 5, Wilson 5, Cabassi 7, Griffiths 7 — Farrugia 7, Wellbourn 7, Farnsworth (inj. Vial 23rd, 6), Seribas 5 — Brown 7.

Foxman 6 Coach: Dennis Hogart.

**SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Slater 85th, 87th, Jennings 70th) BLACKTOWN CITY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,325 (double header). Referee: Richard Lorenz 8. Cautions: Reynolds (B).**

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 7 — Savor 7, Vlietstra 7, Rozic 7, Jennings 7 — Rezo 6, Jones 6, Odzakovic 7, Slater 8, Arnold 6, Lamond 5 (Jurin 51st, 7) Coach: Vedran Rozic.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson 8 — Maier 6, Sterrey 7 (Shane 79th), Reynolds 7, Northam 6 — Jeffrey 7, Kay 7, Eillem 7 — Naurrov 5 (Thornwaite 46th, 6), Sandy 6, van Blerk 6. Caretaker coach: Raul Blanco.

## HELLAS AND JUVE FOR THE FINAL!

### AMPOL

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP with ALLAN CRISP

Results speak for themselves so there can be little doubt that Hellas and Adelaide Juventus will have qualified for the 1987 SA Ampol Cup Final by the time this is in print. Let's hope so, otherwise someone is going to look silly and that someone could be me.

Hellas took on beleaguered Campbelltown City in the first semi-final last night (Wednesday) at 7pm while Juventus played Para Hills in the second semi final.

Juventus and Hellas did absolutely everything right in their minor round campaigns, but Campbelltown and Para Hills scraped into the major round by the skin of their respective teeth.

Campbelltown made it despite its inept 0-2 loss to Salisbury last week and Para Hills just nosed in because Hellas ripped Croatia apart 3-0.

The finals credentials of Juventus and Hellas were totally different to those of their opponents last night.

Both of the SA giants ended the minor round unbeaten with three wins and a bagful of goals.

Juventus scored 10 and conceded none, while Hellas netted 12 and allowed three.

Perhaps Campbelltown's best hope of springing an upset was to reassure its players that they would not possibly perform as abysmally as they did against Salisbury United.

Para lost just once during the minor round and can take solace that its conqueror was hellraiser Hellas.

Youthful talent abounds at Para with Tim Horry, Ian Cole, Barry Crook, Ian Dawson, John Klein and Brian Edwards in the black-and-white line-up, but barring an earthquake, plague, pestilence or nuclear attack, Juventus was expected to win.

There were times against Croatia last week when Hellas appeared vulnerable, but the magic surfaced in the second half with a two-goal burst in three minutes from Chris Manou and Lou Hristodoulou.

Croatia could have qualified for the semi-finals even if it had lost 0-1, but Hellas's second half rally forced its exit from the series.

It was a highly competitive match which was marred by referee Graham Neal's devaluation of the yellow card.

Hellas captain Nick Mousoulis and youth Socceroo Hristodoulou were booked along with Nenad Sosa, Paul Blute and Peter Rankin of Croatia.

The latter was snown the yellow card twice in a five minute period and was sent off for the first time in his career three minutes before the final whistle.

**SALISBURY UNITED 2 (Costanzo 22nd and 59th) CAMPBELLTOWN CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3,300 (Double-header). Referee: Jim Rossis 8. Cautions: Jackson (Sal), Ouwerkerk (Camp City).**

SALISBURY UNITED: Gale 8, Jackson 7, Haig 7, Lietner 8, Latham 8, Williams 7, Brown 8, Griffiths 7, Sullivan 6 (Reeves 34th 6), Bell 6 (Woods 67th), Costanzo 9. Coach: Jimmy Campbell.

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY: Parks 8, Richardson 7, Tuffs 7, Ouwerkerk 7, Gabbana 6 (Dooley 41st 3), Amos 7, Gray 7, Halliday 6, S Parks 6, McNally 5, Beltrame 6 (Key 70th) Coach: David Jenkins.

**ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Konstandopoulos 30th, Manou 63rd, Hristodoulou 66th) ADELAIDE CROATIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: Graham Neal 5. Cautions: Mousoulis, Hristodoulou (Hellas), Sosa, P. Blute, Rankin (Croatia). Sent off: Rankin 77th.**

HELLAS: A Crook 7, Frantzis 7, Hiern 8, Mousoulis 7, Panaghis 7, Manou 7, Hristodoulou 7, Keramidis 6 (Atsalas 50th), Honeyman 7, Price 6 (Anastasiou 59th), Konstandopoulos (Koufalis 75th) Coach: Peter Jaks.

**Group A final standings**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ad. Juventus	3	0	0	10	0	6
Campbelltown	1	0	2	2	4	2
Beograd	1	0	2	2	5	2
Salisbury	1	0	2	2	7	2

**Group B final standings**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ad. Hellas	3	0	0	12	3	6
Para Hills	1	1	1	6	7	3
Croatia	1	1	1	4	6	3
Polonia	0	0	3	5	11	0

### AMPOL CUP SCORERS

5 — G. Price (Hellas).  
3 — B. Crook (Polonia), F. Timar (Croatia), P. Wilde (Adel City), S. Amos (Campbelltown City), G. Konstandopoulos, Steve Atsalas (Hellas), F. Costanzo (Salisbury).  
1 — D. Pankhurst, C. Todd (Croatia), D. Kalinovic (Beograd), J. Panagis, C. Manou, L. Hristodoulou (Hellas), D. Doorne, P. Sanderson, R. Piotrowski (Polonia), J. Mullen, J. Rodriguez (Adel City), R. Preston (Beograd), I. Cole, I. Dawson, D. Moss (Para Hills).



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# Green Gully for the title!

Green Gully is the team to beat in this year's Buffalo State League championship which kicks off this weekend.

The team which last year was relegated from the National League has bounced back with a vengeance and will be going all out to prove that it is worthy of a place among the nation's elite.

The first warning for the opposing State League clubs came late last year when, straight after being relegated, Gully picked itself up by its bootstraps and went on to win the Dockerty Cup, beating Makedonia in the final.



● Dragan Vasic in action for his old club JUST.



Victorian round-up with JOHN MANGAN

With this behind him, coach Gus Macleod has achieved the difficult goal of keeping last year's NSL squad together for an assault on the Buffalo State League title, and this squad is now geared for success. And Macleod has added Caulfield striker Danny Zemunik to that squad.

Gully had a good run in the Buffalo Cup which had the dual consequence of dispelling any doubts about its quality and confirming that it had an edge over State League opposition.

Jim Tansey's Croydon discovered in its game against Gully that Macleod's team is far from invulnerable — yet a sluggish display from Gully was still enough to take the two points.

Macleod however is quick to take the pressure from his team.

"A lot of people are saying that this is going to be an easy season for us but that's a lot of rubbish. We did beat the other State League teams in our group but they were both close games," said Macleod.

"We conceded a lot of goals in the tournament and that is what we have been working hard on in training to improve.

Other people may regard us as favourites but I don't."

For all Macleod's modesty, his team remains the team to beat and if it can handle the pressure such a reputation brings with it, you can expect Green Gully to be topping the table as the season reaches its end.

The surprise club to rival Green Gully and the other championship contenders this year could well be Northcote, now under the leadership of Argentinian Juan Toro.

Toro has a secret weapon up his sleeve in the shape of Victor Hugo Espagon — an Argentinian attacking midfielder who is due to touch down at Tullamarine any day now.

The 29-year-old Espagon comes from Argentina's national League club, Talleres de Cordoba and has played in the Argentine B team.

Espagon is expected to arrive here in the peak of fitness as he is a health fanatic. However, he's not short on South American skill either and opposing clubs will have to watch his banana-kicks which are his speciality.

"I am very happy that Espagon is joining the team," says Toro. "And I am confident that with Pedro Ramos coming to us from Box Hill we will not only be winning games but will be playing soccer that is good to watch."

Northcote's signing of Ramos has not been completed but it is understood to be a formality and will contribute greatly to the distinctly South American flavor Toro has injected into his team.

If Northcote can make a surprise challenge for the title and secure a berth in the top four, at least one team that made



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last year's top four could have a very rough time this season. That team is St Albans Dinamo which ended last year looking such a good prospect for 1987.

At the close of last season coach Tony Vrzina told Dinamo fans that they would have a State League winning team this year — but only if two new players were added to the team, and of course last year's squad was retained.

Vrzina was able to bring Goran Runje over from Frankston Pines — but look at how many players Dinamo has lost.

Kevin Lloyd couldn't come to terms with the club, Ante Kuzman is out for the whole season with injury and Ned Batonic will be unable to play due to work commitments. Add to that the loss of central defender Zdenko Brkicajic who retired last night (Wednesday) after Dinamo's final Buffalo Cup game against Croatia, and suddenly you have a team which could well be struggling to stay at State League level.

Coach Vrzina refuses to draw comfort from his team's Buffalo Cup performance.

"People are saying that we have done very well because other State League teams have been crushed by four or even six goals, while we have been keeping our opponents to low scores — but the fact is that whether you lose 6-0 or 1-0 you

still get no points!

"We are now looking at starting the season without Eddy Kuzman and Mark Wilson who have both broken their noses. I am without a central defender and I also need a full-back desperately.

"I know that a lot of fans look to the youth team for replacements but it doesn't help anyone to put players into the senior side before they're ready. We need new players and we need them quickly if we are to get anything out of this season."

While the Dinamo line-up is not short on skill it is the ball-winners — the chasers and tacklers — that Tony Vrzina is going to need if his team is to hold its own, let alone mount a serious title challenge.

If things look tough for Dinamo then, for their fellow Buffalo Cup campaigners Croydon and Box Hill the signs are not so bleak.

Croydon starts the season under the direction of new coach Jim Tansey. While he has lost Jimmy MacLean and Andy Humble to Melbourne Croatia he has bolstered his squad with the signing of Jimmy Nelson from Springvale and teen wonder Greg Brack from Mooroolbark.

Box Hill goes into this season with the best Buffalo Cup result of the State League clubs stunning the crowd at Olympic Park last Sunday by beating Footscray JUST 4-0. Coach George Murray is sure to benefit from the valuable match practice that the pre-season tournament provides and can go into Sunday's game at Wembley Park against Green Gully with all guns blazing.

The two teams met only a few weeks ago in the Buffalo Cup and Gully ran out 2-0 victors but the Hillmen learnt a few of Gully's tricks in that game and will be harder to beat.

Gully will still be without its new Scottish recruit, Joe O'Donnell who will be sidelined for another couple of weeks by injury, but Gully should start this season off on the right foot with a win over George Murray's side.

Dennis Boland has a tough task in store at Monterey Reserve on Saturday when he plays his first game for his new club Springvale — he finds himself facing his old team Frankston Pines.

And to think that just last Sunday night Boland was in the goal for the Pines. He won't be giving out any favors to his old team-mates, and in a line-up which includes another new signing — Dragan Vasic — from Royal Richmond, coach Bobby McLachlan has assembled a very interesting squad.

Pines will start without Alfy Dick and Mick McGorian is also in doubt. Fellow striker Goran Runje made a close season transfer to St Albans Dinamo, so the Pines attack is far from full strength.

Yet Pines' Buffalo Cup performances have shown that they may be down but they are not out, so while the word from Pines is that they have given up any dreams of winning the title, they will certainly be no pushovers.

The momentum gained in the Buffalo Cup could be just enough for Pines to win this match.

Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg is keen to start the season in the best possible way with a win on Sunday at Ralph Reserve against Western Suburbs. Bleiberg's new signings, Kees Storm, Gordon Flavell and Brendan Lalic all will play.

"On paper we look like one of the strongest teams in the League," says Bleiberg.

"I approach the game with the attitude that if you want to achieve something you've got to aim for the top, and that is what we will be doing this year. We lost last weekend to Fawcner in a pre-season game, but we learnt a lot from that and want to start this season winning."

Polonia should have too much power for Western Suburbs who are still trying to establish themselves. Suburbs' coach Jim Kondilis has lost Bobby McGuinness, Ged Stenson, Milutin Ciric, Steve Kantonis and George Beattie. One player he has shown interest in recently is Vietnamese Minh Tri Vo who has been released by JUST.

Oakleigh coach Chris Kalitaditis takes his newly promoted team into Saturday's game with St Albans Dinamo at Churchill Reserve with plenty to prove.

While Oakleigh will be keen to establish its State League status, opponent Dinamo has been hard hit by losing players through transfers and injuries. If Oakleigh can tap its enthusiasm effectively, it could give Dinamo a shock and win this game.

Croydon City should have

too much power for Kaz Kulak's Broadmeadows when they meet at Laura Douglas Reserve on Sunday. With the benefit of a couple of new faces in the team and match practice provided by the Buffalo Cup, Tansey's team will have the better of this game.

Northcote will be without its new South American signing, Espagon, when it travels to Smith Reserve on Sunday for its clash with Fawcner.

Fawcner came out the victor in the Fawcner pre-season tournament beating Polonia in the final so already has had a taste of victory. This could be enough to give Fawcner the edge in this match.

Thomastown, with a long list of players gone, may have another player wanting to move. Danny Aceski has been with Thomastown for the last few years but spent three months last year in Yugoslavia training with Vardar Skopje. Business commitments tied



● Chris Kalitaditis

Aceski to Australia though he was made offers by two Yugoslav Second Division clubs. Aceski has a maximum fee of \$1,500 on his head and can be contacted at work on 509 5276 or after hours at 366 2855.

But Thomastown's opponent at Princes Park on Saturday, Caulfield City, has also been hit by the departure of many players, particularly defenders. In a close game Thomastown should have enough in reserve to win.

Morwell Falcons have opted to play their "away" fixture against the Australian Institute



● Kaz Kulak

of Sport team at home in Morwell on Saturday. Although coach Dave O'Connor was quite happy to make the trip back to his own stamping ground in Canberra, club priorities dictated that the game be played at home.

As no points are awarded for the AIS fixtures, O'Connor's team will have to resign themselves to starting the season in the lower reaches of the table.

While this game will be a real test for the AIS side, don't expect it to hit top form till the season progresses. Then the young AIS Players will have to come to terms with the rigors of State League competition.

Falcon's biggest danger is that they may take this game too easy. However, all that's at stake in this game is pride. For the sake of AIS's involvement in the State League it is important that Falcons take it seriously.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

**SATURDAY**  
Caulfield v THOMASTOWN at Princes Park, 3pm.

FRANKSTON PINES v Springvale at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.

St Albans Dinamo v OAKLEIGH at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

**SUNDAY**

Western Suburbs v POLONIA at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.

Broadmeadows v CROYDON at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3pm.

Institute of Sport v MORWELL FALCONS at North Crigian Reserve, 3pm.

FAWKNER v Northcote at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

Box Hill v GREEN GULLY at Wembley Park,

## Amateur League Cup

Here is the draw for the First Round of the Amateur League Cup and Amateur League Reserve Cup to be played on Sunday March 22.

Amateur League Cup — kick off 3:00pm:

Diggers Rest v Nth Melbourne, Anstey Utd v Anstey Utd v Northern Suburbs, Epping Thistle v Old Scotch, Maccabi v Upheld, Melbourne Utd v Hawthorn Utd, Collingwood City v Phillip Institute, Camberwell Grammar v Keilor Utd.

Amateur League Reserve Cup — kick off 1:00pm:

Concorde v Latrobe Uni, Balwyn City v Hawthorn Utd, Collingwood City v Epping Thistle, Nth Melbourne v East Altona, Inter City v Yarra Utd.

Here is the draw for the 2nd Round of the Amateur League Cup and Amateur League Reserve Cup to be played on Sunday March 29.

Keysborough/Nth Dandenong v Prahran, Doveton v Yarraville, Altona City/Hamlyn Rangers v Moreland Park Rangers, Ringwood United/Essendon City v West Brunswick, Mooroolbark/Waverley City v Doncaster Rovers/Knox City, Loral United/Albion v Pascoe Vale/Hawthorn Citizens, SM

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Mordialloc v Williamstown/Corbou, Moorabbin City v Bell Park/Westgate, Karling United/Yallourn v Melbourne, Sandringham City v Diamond Valley United, Seaford United v Ringwood City, Altona Gate/Werribee v Rosanna/Langwarrin, Clarinda/Prahran City v Holland Park/Sunbury United, Port Melbourne/Dandenong City v Bulleen/Fernette Gully, Boroona v Springvale United, Clifton Hill/North Geelong v Nunawading City/Keilor.

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## Dockerty Cup

Here are last weekend's Richon Dockerty Cup results:

Springvale Utd 1 East Brunswick 2, Eltham 3 North Melbourne 1, Corio-Geelong Utd 3 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Essendon 5, North Geelong 0, Boroona 1 Sandringham 2, Albion Rovers 4, Yallourn 0, Pascoe Vale 2, Williamstown 3, West Gate 0 Dandenong City 4, Bell Park 2 Clifton Hill 0, Karling Utd 1 Traralgon Olympians 0, Langwarrin 2 Hamlyn Rangers 1, Coburg 1 Werribee 0, Victoria Park 0 Seaford Utd 1, Bulleen 2 Fernette Gully 1, Port Melbourne 0 Mooroolbark 2, Meko Holdings 3 Clarinda 2, Sunbury Utd 3 Ringwood Utd 0, Moorabbin City 0 Altona Gate 1, Hawthorn 3 Rosanna 2.

This is the draw for the second preliminary round of the 1987 Richon Dockerty Cup to be played this Saturday:

Albion Rovers v Bulleen, Langwarrin v Corio-Geelong United, Coburg v Karling United, Mooroolbark v Keysborough, Meko Holdings v Altona Gate, Bell Park v Dandenong City, Eltham v Seaford United, Sunbury Utd v Hawthorn, Loral or South Melbourne-Mordialloc v Waverley City, West Brunswick v Essendon City, Moreland Park Rangers v East Brunswick, Doveton v Williamstown.

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## TO THE EDITOR

SIR —

In 1985 I was coaching the Juventus under-13's. Just after the end of the season I received a phone call from a member of the Juniors' committee who told me that the club no longer required my services. I was disappointed at the time but accepted the committee's decision.

In 1986 Croatia appointed me coach of its under-14 squad. Three boys from Juventus' under 14's approached me there, telling me that they would like the challenge of playing with Croatia in the Super League.

I advised them to stay with Juventus, but they insisted on moving to Croatia.

This year, they decided to go back to Juventus where they felt at home. Having trained with Juventus for two weeks the boys thought that the club had accepted them.

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## Como Cup on Monday

One of Victorian soccer's main events — the Como Cup — gets underway on Monday, March 9 and features eight teams.

The popular annual tournament is being hosted by Prahran Celtic. The Liverpool Select, Green Gully, Altona Gate, Sale, Lyndale, Coburg and Sunbury United.

The teams competing in the 1987 Como Cup are Prahran Celtic, Liverpool Select, Green Gully, Altona Gate, Sale, Lyndale, Coburg and Sunbury United.

The first match of the day-long tournament starts at 10am and full canton facilities are available so get down to Como Park and enjoy all the action in the 1987 Como Cup.

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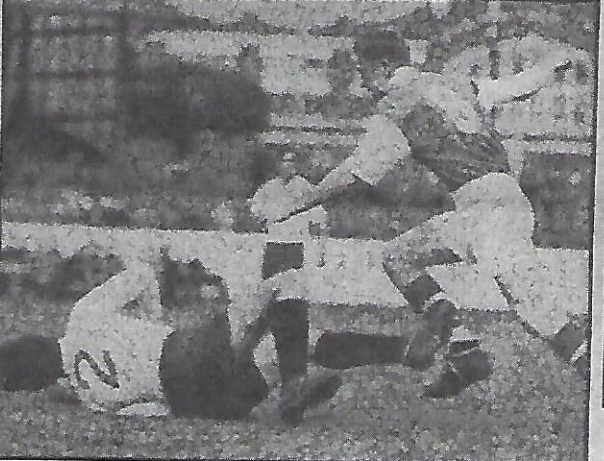


● Pan Hellenic folded in the 1970s but this picture of its 1968 team highlights an era in the club's history in which it boasted Greek and Australian internationals. Back row: S. Patrinos, R. Blitz, B. Hanson, C. Omiros, W. Tamandl (coach). Middle row: A. Hignett, D. Johnson, N. Loukanidis, B. Smith, N. Petrov. Front row: A. Maglis. Soccerroo appearances, his first in 1965, his last, against Japan, in 1968. Loukanidis wasn't just a star with ever to play in NSW, Alan Westwater made 16 Soccerroo appearances, while George McCulloch was an outstanding player he also has another claim to fame — he's the father of current Soccerroo squad member Tom McCulloch.



● Flashback to the 60s — Polonia goalkeeper Bruno Putkowski has grabbed the ball and is bracing himself for this shoulder charge from Footscray JUST forward van der Poel. The match was played at Schintler Reserve in an era when both sides were respected and feared.

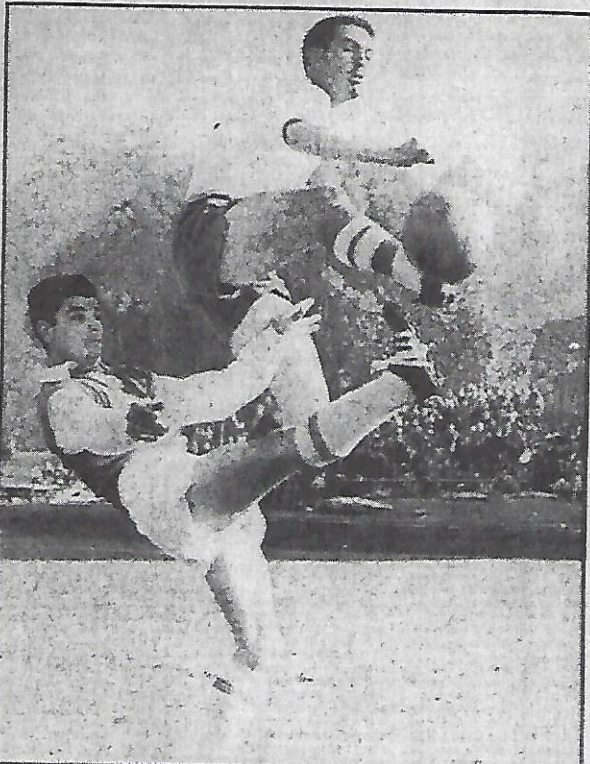
● Hajduk Split's Kozza has slipped and NSW forward Frank Parsons is about to break clear in this clash at the Showgrounds in Sydney on July 23, 1949. Hajduk won 3-0 during a 20-game tour of Australia that saw it win 18 games, draw one and lose one. It's only loss came in the four-game series with Australia, which beat Hajduk 2-1 in Newcastle. Hajduk beat Australia 3-2 in both games in Sydney and 3-0 in Melbourne. Hajduk scored a staggering 111 goals on the tour and conceded just 19. The only game that Hajduk drew was against Victoria and it was an all-action affair that ended in a 3-3 scoreline. Few overseas clubs have provided as much entertainment and as many goals Down Under as did Hajduk Split.



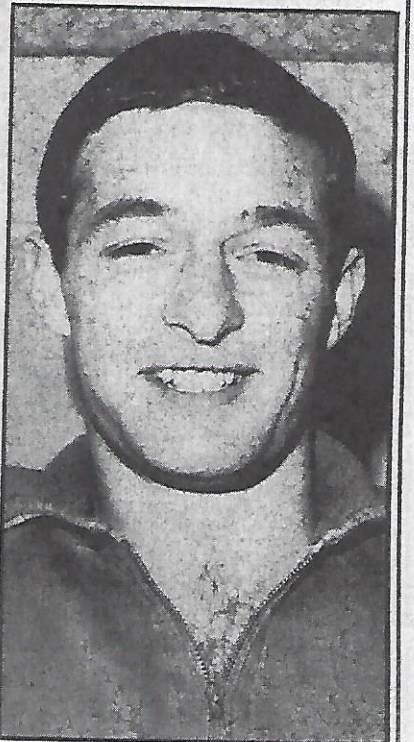
● Sydney Hakoah centre-half Bill Walsh (left) slides down to tackle Canterbury-Marrickville forward Barry Salisbury in a clash at Marks Field in Sydney in April, 1959. Walsh was a former Sunderland player who gave good service to Hakoah in an era when the club used to draw fans in their thousands to its games.



● Two of the giants of the game in their respective countries clash during the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. Berti Vogts slides down to dispossess Brank Buljevic in a match which West Germany won 3-0. Buljevic was a star at both club and national level and made 30 Soccerroo appearances, his first in 1972 against Indonesia and his last, in 1975, against Benfica. Buljevic distinguished himself at club



● John Bedford flies high to knock the ball past George Cross defender Eddie Sacco in this Victorian State League clash in the 60s. Bedford played over 500 games for South Melbourne Hellas, making him easily that club's longest serving player. Bedford injured his



● Nigel Shepherd was a star defender with Victorian club Slavia in the 1960s and also played for Australia. Shepherd made 12 Soccerroo appearances, 10 in 1965 and two in 1967. He was a member of the Australian squad which represented this



# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

**POJUNA NA FANUJIA**  
U polufinalu Noćnog Buffala Kupa zaslužen su se plasirali ozbiljno i odgovorne ekipe George Cross, Melbourne Croatia, Hellas i Alexander.  
Casno se borila i ekipa Makedonije. Malo je nedostajalo da se Zoki i drustvo napadu medju cetiri najbolje ekipe Croatia. Imali su snage da kazne Gary Colea i Heysa, pa se bez njih bili ravnopravan protivnik Croatia.  
Nasuprot ovim ekipama, JUST se grdn obratko, narocito u susretu sa Box Hillom. Taj poraz nema opravdanja. Bez obzira kakve su bile namere, Sekularca sa ugledom kluba i osecanjima navijaca ne sme se postupiti na takav nacin. Postaviti dva zapljena, prosceca i neiskusna momka da igraju bekoze znaci predati utakmicu bez borbe.  
Nadamo se da ce ovaj poraz biti dobar nauk za jednu i trenera da se promene moraju vrstiti postepeno i sa proverenim igrama. Ovakvo je oterano pet do sedam iskusnih igrača, a nji se sacekalo da dođu novi. Seta.  
Prvi put je igrao Latif. Trudio se, ali reba da skine nekoliko kilograma. U srednjim linijama jedino se zalagao Tyrone James, dok su Toma Karic, Bill Lazaropoulos, Ernie Tapal i Zdravko Lujic igrali da im prođe vreme. Nije se pojavio Curovic, jer je navodno povredjen, mada ce pre biti da je uvredjen sto je zameten na trening utakmici.  
Ako je verovati recima,

Pocetak utakmice u 3 sata po podne.  
Da JUST ce nastupiti Marko Fode, Frankovic, Miroko Jevic, Slobodan Zorana, Slobodan Lukic, cak su najavili nastup Joe Palinkas i Mendo Ristovski.  
**Dockery Cup, 1 Preliminarolo**  
**MOORABBIN CITY - ALTONA GATE VARDAR 6:1 (6:1).** Strclac: Tibor Drincosky. Mendo Ristovski u 4. minutu. Posle toga razvila se ravnopravna igra, ali pobeza Vardar nije dozvolila u pitanje, mada su oba golmana imali pune ruke posla.  
Sastav Altona Gate Vardar: Ernie Toth, Zoran Tasevski (Tim Bikicic od 46 minuta), Lube Talevski, Zoran Serovski, Tibor Drincosky, Jimmy Derivovski, Boban Prohiv, Zlatko Veljanovski, Simon Micevski (Arthur David od 46 minuta), Mick Kraleviski, Mendo Ristovski.  
Minut pre kraja sudija je opravdao pokazao crveni karton Borisu Geleskom, jer je udario pesnicom protivnika koji mu je stao slucajno na nogu.  
Najbolji igraci za Altona Gate: Ernie Toth, Tibor Drincosky i Zlatko Veljanovski. U drugom preliminarolo kolu, u subotu 7. marta sastaju se dva makedonska kluba

Meko Holdings i Altona Gate Vardar. MEKO HOLDINGS je porse subote pobezo Clarindu sa 3:2, posto je vodio sa 3:0. Jos se na zva gde ce se igrati iako je Meko Holdings domacin, ali se kriket od karaja meseca marta.  
**SPRINGVALE UNITED - EAST BRUNSWICK 1:02 (1:1).** "Plavi" su igrali, a protivnik je davao golove koristeći nesporazume u domacoj odbrani. "Plavi" iz Springvale su povelu sa 1:0 preko Aleksandra-Centa Velezskog u 15. minute, ali su gosti izjednacili sedam minuta kasnije, a u produktu prvog poluvremena postigli pobezo osni gol. Ufesto da postupio u golaut, Marko Gentile je glavom vratio pred svoj gol, lacno na nogu protivackog igrača, koji je u 47. minutu neodbrano poslao loptu u mrežu.  
Sastav Springvale Uniteda: Milan Mandic, Mark Gentile, Mica Jankovic, Nebojsa Dragovic, Dragoslav Jellic, Zoran Djukic (Zoran Blazevski od 62 minuta), Zabd Petric, Goran Filipovski, Samir Becirovic, Peter Lutgens, Aleksandar Veleviski.  
Najbolji igraci: Aleksandar Veleviski, Dragoslav Jellic i Mica Jankovic.  
**PASCOE VALUE PELISTER - WILLIAMSTOWN MIA-DOST 2:3 (1:1).** Jedan derbi se zavrsio pobeodom tima koji je imao boljeg golmana. Utak-

mica je imala dramatične zbirte, ali igraci i publika bili su fer i uzivali u lepjoj igri. Mladost je povelu vec u 2. minutu greskom John Benila, koju je lukavo iskoristio novajljik kolarevic Ado. Nesto kasnije izjednacilo je Perry Belegirino, a pobezo Mladost je postigao je trener Mladost Graham Murray sa 30 metara.  
Sastav Pelistera: Avramovski, Ristevski, Bonello Smurgrevski, Stipatoskous, Valentinio (Dusko Nicsicki), Riste Nicsicki, Perry Belegirino, Harry Percan, Frank Brongo, Tony Centarino.  
Sastav Mladosti: Milutin Ciric, Graham Murray, Zarko Stefanovic (Stevica Mecavina od 50 minuta), Miroko Beker, Cane Trajkovski, Venko Bozlovski, Dragan Nedelkovski (Lou Hanson), Nedeljko Mulinic, Ado Kolarevic, Robert Belitli, Slobodan Dimitrevski.  
Najbolji igraci: Miroko Beker, Milutin Ciric, Ado Kolarevic, ali i Cane Trajkovski nije mnogo za njima zaostao. Igrao je solidno svim 90 minuta.  
U subotu 7. marta Mladost igra u gostima protiv Dovetona na Waratath Reserve, Doveton Ave. Doveton, My.91 B.9.  
Mladost trenirassvakog utorka i cetvrtka na Grey Re-

serve, Kororoi Creek Rd. Williamstown, gde su dobrostoili novici igra. Za obaveštenja pozvati tel 391 0890.  
**DANDENONG CITY - WESTGATE SINDJELIC 4:0 (2:0).** U prvih 10 minuta Westgate je mogao da vodi sa 2:0 ali nagalni igraci su upropastili idealne sance, dok je odbrana ubrzo primila jefitine gola, cak jedan sa 40 metara.  
Sastav Singielica: Peter Hrehorsin, Zdenko Jovic, Dragan Bibovic, Zoran Krnic, Bala Jovic, Stevan Janic (Dragan Dejanovic od 15. minuta), Zoran Pasoski, Emil Petrov, Tony Marchetti, Dragan Janjic Georges.  
Nisu igrali, jer su navodno zalutali sa kolima: Picloane, Gasko, Radoljic i Gelic.  
**LALOR UNITED SLOGA - S.M. MORDIALLOO utakmica odlozjena, jer je teren bio prava kaljuha, pun vode i blata.**  
**SUNBURY UNITED - RINGWOOD/SRBLJA 3:0 (1:0).** Nemamo izvestaja za ove utakmice, ali gosti su bili ravnopravan protivnik u prvom poluvremenu ali su naglo propustili posle odmora.  
**ESSENDON CITY TRIESTINA - NORTH GEELONG CROATIA 5:0 (3:0).** Visoka i laka pobeza Triestina, koje se

u subotu 7. marta sastaje sa West Brunswickom u gostima.  
**JUNIORSKA RUBRIKA**  
Proste nedelje juniori JUST-a su odigrali niz utakmica na ovom igralistu.  
Timovi ispod 11 i 12 godina igrali su izmesani meodusobno. Pobeili su "plavi" sa 4:2.  
JUST-ov tim ispod 13 godina pobezio je Sunshine Park sa 3:0. Strclac: Goran Stankovski, Nenad Mitrovic i George Briskovic.  
Isti ispod 15 godina pobezio je selekcija Centralne zone sa 2:1. Strclac: Robin Stankovski i Damir Gnjidic.  
**PRIJATELJSKA UTAKMICA**  
**SPRINGVALE CITY - CENTRAL CITY CRVENA 3:0 (1:0).** Protivnjak i iskusnog nosila i izvalila castan rezultat. Strclac: Dragan Vasic 2 i Greg House.  
Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popovic, Petar Pervaz, Ivica Karic, Zoran Rokсандic (Bojan Slencic), Joe Hegedis, Dragan Milenkovic, Steve Derek (Mirek Wiech), Goran Simic (Dejan Andjelkovic), Nikola Radunovic, Sasa Milenkovic, Trener Joe Sabo.

# TA NEA TON OMAZON MAS APOT TO SHMEIO TOU PENALTY

by Manos Milios

**ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΑΠΟΧΗ ΚΑΙ... ΝΤΡΟΙΗ**  
ΕΤΟΝ ΧΟΡΟ που διοργάνωσε η επιτροπή του Ελληνικού Κυπέλλου την περασμένη Παρασκευή, όπου κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς έγινε και η απονομή των επδόλων στους νικητές και διακριθέντες ποδοσφαιριστές, διαπιστώθηκε μία άσχημη και μεγάλη αποχή παικτών, παράγοντων και φιλάθλων των συλλόγων μας.  
Ήταν μία απαρδέκτη αποχή για όλους όσο και αν μερικοί προφασίστηκαν ότι ήταν Παρασκευή και ακατάλληλη ημέρα.  
**Η ΚΑΛΥΤΕΡΗ ΕΠΙΔΕΞΙΑ**  
ΜΕΤΑ τους αγώνες του Ελληνικού Κυπέλλου οι αθλητικογράφοι, αυτοί φυσικά οι οποίοι παρηκολούθησαν τους αγώνες, φήσιον την καλύτερη ενδεκάδα η οποία βραβεύθηκε με αναμνηστικά.  
Οι παίκτες που απετέλεσαν την Ισάδα ήταν οι: Ελχέρ: Νικιάτσας, Μπαμπερόπουλος, Πιο στέκογλου, Σ. Μιχαήλ, Διονυσόπουλος, Τζ. Κωνσταντίνου, Πατινιώτης, Βοζίκης, Σολάκης, Βένιτεμπεργκ, Βιλίπης, Κόρνος, Μπιτσώνης, Π. Κωνσταντίνου, Κόζιάρης και Κυριαζόπουλος.  
**ΟΙ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΟΙ ΣΕ ΔΡΑΣΗ**  
**ΠΑΙΖΟΥΝ ΕΤΟΝ ΤΕΛΙΚΟ ΓΚΑΡΠΕΝΤ - ΟΚΛΗ**  
ΕΤΟΣΣΕ ΗΜΙΤΕΛΙΚΟΥΣ αγώνες του Κυπέλλου των Παλαιμάχων που έγιναν την περασμένη Κυριακή στο γήπεδο του Μορντέλκον το Γκάρπεντ Σίτυ και το Ώκλι νίκησαν και πήραν το εισιτήριο για τον τελικό

που θα γίνει την ερχόμενη Κυριακή 8/3 πάλι στο ίδιο γήπεδο.  
ΤΟ ΓΚΑΡΠΕΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ προηγήθηκε της Χλάρπντας με γκολ του Αποστολίδου στο 35' αλλά στο 67' δέχθηκε την ισοφάρι από τον Βαλαβάνη.  
Στο 78' ο Τακιανός για το Γκάρπεντ έχασε πέναλτυ και στην παράταση ο Στέκοφρας χάρισε την νίκη πρόκριση στο Γκάρπεντ Σίτυ.  
ΕΤΟΝ Ώκλι ημιτελικό και οι δύο ομάδες ΟΚΛΗ - ΠΑΝΑΧΑΙΚΗ πάλαιψαν δυνατά αλλά η νίκη πήρε το Ώκλι με 1-0 και με τέμρα που πέτυχε ο Πεχλιβαυδής.  
ΕΤΟΝ τελικό της Κυριακής παίζουσαν: 1.00 μ.μ. ΠΑΝΑΧΑΙΚΗ - ΚΑΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ για την 3η θέση.  
3.00 μ.μ. ΓΚΑΡΠΕΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ - ΟΚΛΗ για το βαρύτιμο έπαθλο.  
ΚΑΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ ΣΙΤΥ - ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ 1 - 2  
ΣΕ ΦΙΛΙΚΟ αγώνα εκτός έδρας η Δόξα νίκησε το Μάλβερν Σίτυ 2-1.  
ΤΟ σκόρ προηγήθηκε η Δόξα με τον παλκό καλδ Διονυσόπουλο και το Μάλβερν ισοφάρισε με τον Γουέλλας.  
Την νίκη πήρε ο Στρατάνης με κουντίνο σούτ. Ας σημειωθεί ότι η Δόξα έχασε 2 πέναλτυ με τους Τερζάκη και Στρατάνη.  
Η Β' ομάδα του Μάλβερν νίκησε την αντίστοιχη του Γιάρραβια με... 8-6 και με σκόρ τους Τζ. Ουμενέο 2, Παλαμάρα, Λιχόδο, Οικονομίδου, Καταμπούκο, Τσιρόνη και Χαλιδόπουλο.  
**ΦΙΛΙΚΟΕΣ**  
ΕΤΙΣ 14 Μαρτίου και σε αγώνα προπονή-

σεως η Δόξα Γιάρραβια θα παίξει για πρώτη φορά στο γήπεδο της αντιμετώπιζοτας το Μάλβερν Σίτυ.  
**ΕΡΜΗΣ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΟΟΚ**  
ΕΤΟ δημαρχείο της Τσέλλος χορεύει ο Ερμής του Μορντέλκον το Σάββατο 7/3 και οι φίλοι του συλλόγου να τηλεφωνήσουν για εισιτήρια στον Γιάννη Αναστα σιάδη στο 546 2948.  
Εκεί Τετάρτη γίνονται οι προπονήσεις των Τζούνιερς στις 6.30 μ.μ.  
Όσοι ενδιαφέρονται να γράψουν τα παιδιά τους μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στον αριθμό 580 6072.  
**BUFFALO GOLD CUP**  
ΛΗΓΟΥΝ σήμερα οι προκριματικοί του Κυπέλλου Ηπάρλο με τους αγώνες: ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΚΡΩΤΙΑ και ΚΡΩΤΙΑ - ΣΤ. ΑΛΜΠΑΝΤ. Η πρώτη συνάντηση θα αρχίσει στις 7.15 μ.μ.  
Οι ημιτελικοί θα γίνουν το Σάββατο 7/3 με δρό αναρξής 7.00 μ.μ. και ο τελικός θα γίνει στις 14/3 και ώρα 8.15 μ.μ.  
Όλες οι συναντήσεις θα παιχθούν στο Ολύμπικ Παρκ Νο 1.  
**DOCKERTY CUP**  
ΣΥΝΕΧΙΖΟΝΤΑΙ το Σάββατο οι αγώνες του Ντόκερτυ Καπ με ενδιαφέροντες συναντήσεις ενό στίς 14/3 θα γίνει η πρώτη προκριματική φάση του Κυπέλλου Βικτωρίας. Από ελληνικής πλευράς θα παίζουσαν: ΚΑΙΩΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ - ΝΟΡΘ ΤΖΗΛΟΓΚ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΝΕΑΝΤΕΝΟΓΚ ΣΙΤΥ ΠΑΣΚΟΒΑΤΙΑ - ΠΕΑΟΑΤΙΑ ΚΑΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ - ΠΕΑΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Η ΔΟΞΑ Γιάρραβια και ο ΕΡΜΗΣ Μορντέλκον προκρίθηκαν για την 2η φάση του Κυπέλλου.  
Οι αντίπαλοί τους είναι: Για τον ΕΡΜΗ η νικήτρια του αγώνα Γουέλλιαμςτον - Κόμπουρκ με γηπεδόχο την ελληνική ομάδα.  
Η ΔΟΞΑ θα παίξει εκτός έδρας με το ΝΤΑ ΦΤΟΝ της Β' κατηγορίας.  
**Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ**  
ΟΣΟΙ ενδιαφέρονται να αναλάβουν την καρίερα της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ για την φετινή σεζόν μπορούν να δώσουν το παρόν σήμερα στο αριθμό 480 6747 στον πρόεδρο του συλλόγου Ώκλι Καρυντίου.  
**ΛΑΜΙΝΕΣ**  
ΚΑΘΕ Τετάρτη προπονείται η ομάδα της ΛΑΜΙΝΕΣ η οποία ζητάει παίκτες και περισσότερο τερματοφύλακα.  
**ΓΚΑΡΠΕΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ**  
Ο ΣΤΗΣ Αεβεντέλης θα είναι και πάλι ο γκολκίπερ του Γκάρπεντ Σίτυ για την φετινή σεζόν, ενώ θα παραμείνει και ο Γιάννης Βαλαβάνης.  
**ΧΟΡΟΣ**  
ΕΤΙΣ 28/3 η Δόξα Γιάρραβια διοργανώνει χορό στην Ποντιακή Εστία. Πληροφορίες και εισιτήρια στον πρόεδρο Τζ.μ Αμανατίδη στο 68 2068.

# Anno del Marconi? VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO



La striminzita vittoria della Juventus sul Frankston pines non e' servita a niente poiche' George Cross e Croatia, vincendo le loro rispettive partite, avevano già escluso ogni possibilità di un "miracolo".  
Così la Coppa notturna del Victoria e' l'unico important torneo precampeonato a non avere una squadra italiana nelle ultime quattro. A Sydney il Melbourne ha lucherellato il malcapitato Melita per 8-2 nella semifinale e domenica prossima se la vedrà con il Croatia nella finale.  
Nel Sud Australia, la Juventus di Adelaide e' una delle quattro semifinaliste e questa sera si misurerà con il Para Hills, mentre Campbelltown e Hellas disputeranno l'altra semifinale.  
Il Marconi e' indubbiamente la squadra italiana che sta facendo maggior scalpore. Tra tutte quelle che militano nel campionato nazionale.  
Con l'ex cervello della squadra Vieri nella nuova veste di cervello della panchina, la squadra di Bossley Park ha fatto acquisti importanti ed azzeccatissimi e sembra destinata a far gare grosse brutte figure a molte campagnie avversarie.

Le otto reti rifilate al Melita non dovrebbero essere considerate cosa eccezionale perche' la prima linea del Marconi e' una autentica polveriera con gente del calibro di Maxwell, Farina e Nastevski (tutti nuovi acquisti), ben appoggiati dagli altri reparti. Non crediamo che restati talmente alloscenti non si ripetano di tanto in tanto anche in campionato.  
La squadra di Vieri ha classe, verve, voglia di vincere e "cervello" e fin da ora si presenta come una delle piu' serie candidate allo scudetto finale.  
Combinatione la prima avversaria dello squadrone del Marconi sarà: la Juventus di Melbourne quando il campionato nazionale prenderà il via il 29 di questo mese (la partita però potrebbe essere anticipata al sabato sera); quindi l'attacco, di stagione hanno dato indicazioni dimetralmente opposte.  
Infatti la Juventus di Melbourne, campione nazionale 1985 e compaione meridionale 1986, appare ormai una squadra in fase discendente e con una squadra già grande ma logorata dagli anni e dalle defezioni.  
I rincalzi ed i nuovi acquisti fino ad ora non hanno colmato i vuoti e la formazione e' ancora da considerarsi sperimentale ed incompleta.

Lat partite in coppa notturna non sono state sufficienti per dare a McKendry delle indicazioni definitive sulla formazione ideale; anche perche' gli elementi per una formazione "ideale" non c'erano fino a qualche giorno fa.  
Con Eddie Campbell rientrato in squadra (anche se non utilizzato domenica del JUST (per circa \$15,000) l'organizo della squadra e' migliorato di molto essendo questi due deglie uomini chiave che possono fare la differenza fra una squadra mediocre ed uno squadrone.  
Ora McKendry avra' bisogno di partite amichevoli per rodare uno schieramento inedito che e' da poco a che vedere con la Juventus campione d'Australia di lui ereditata due anni fa.  
Due pezzi da quaranta voluti dal tecnico juventino, Lane e Belic, sono stati acquistati per la bella cifra di \$40,000. Durakovic e' esploso come si prevedeva; Zinni e' in forma smagliante e sembra stia raggiungendo la maturita' ottimale; Patterson e' incantapulo sono in condizioni di forma e di rendimento di gran lunga superiori all'anno scorso.  
La difesa e' solida come lo era l'anno scorso, anche se un annetto in piu' comincia a pe-

sare sulla groppa di tutti; naturalmente pero' dal giovane Maravanna non si puo' aspettare di non fare rampolli; almeno in alcune occasioni, Banovic che e' pur sempre uno dei migliori portieri d'Australia.  
Tutto sommato il rendimento della Juventus in campionato della Juventus in campionato della Juventus in gran parte da come andranno i due gressi nuovi acquisti. Se Lane e Belic si riveleranno all'altezza della loro fama, del loro passato del loro... costo, la Juventus potrebbe essere in lizza per le prime posizioni perche' la squadra ha altri uomini chiave e una ossatura sempre valida.  
Se questi due uomini nuovi non dovessero rendere al loro massimo, la squadra potrebbe scivolare in discesa per mancanza di "colonne portanti". Non invidiamo il compito di McKendry che nelle prossime settimane dovra' operare impegnativi interventi chirurgici e tripariani che comincia a risentire del lungo periodo di esposizione ai "venti del successo".  
Percio' e' il caso di aspettare e di dare fiducia ad un tecnico che, anche se molto a modo suo, ha dato "risultati" nel passato. Se egli i insistito, o

anche permesso, che il comitato spendesse \$40,000 per due giocatori e' segno che sapeva cosa sta facendo e dove vuole arrivare.  
Mentre le schermaglie fra le squadre della massima divisione nazionale continuano, la lega statale del Victoria si e' ormai giunti al momento della verita' con l'inizio del campionato in programma per il prossimo weekend.  
Nel massimo campionato statale militano ben tre squadre italiane che l'anno scorso fecero egregiamente anche se non misero il mondo sottosopra.  
Delle tre il Morwell Falcons sembra essere predisposto ad una vita piu' tranquilla e con ambizioni piu' limitate; alla fin dei conti continuare a vincere il campionato statale o ad essere facile primissime non e' cosa facile per l'unica formazione di provincia.  
Il Thomastown avra' certamente maggiori ambizioni anche perche' si trova geograficamente in una posizione di "si ferma e perdo" poiche' il vicino Fawknier e

gli scalpitanti Inseguitori Bulleen Veneto e Essendon Triestina farebbero un sol boccone di un T.E.I. in difficiliori per accaparrarsi quei pochi tifosi che sono ancora indecisi o comunque disponibili.  
E la squadra dell'eterno presidente Jacobucci sembra quest'anno notevolmente rinforzata, specialmente nel reparto in cui difettava di piu' l'esperienza.  
Oltre al riconfermato McMillan (che era il 90% dell'esperienza della squadra formata da giovani promossi di anno in anno dalle divisioni inferiori), quest'anno diviso i rossoneri annoverano nelle loro file il piu' illustre ex juventino di anni recenti, quel Bobby McGuinness che aveva fatto impazzire la tifoseria bianconera con le sue strabilianti qualita' di goleador. Anche se non piu' la "freccia" dei bei tempi, Bobby e' sempre un giocatore di gran mestiere e die indiscutibile valore.  
Con lui e' arrivato anche Athersy, altra punta di valore e di esperienza.

A pochi chilometri di distanza il clan del Fawknier sembra anche piu' in salute con l'arrivo di gente come Stenson e Verrecchia. Quest'anno inoltre han l'obbligo di tornare alla sua forma migliore dopo il campionato in seconda dell'anno scorso. Assieme a Cozzella e i due nuovi acquisti, questi quattro uomini potrebbero essere in prima linea ed il reparto propulsore piu' micidiale del campionato.  
Il Fawknier puo' anche contare su una amministrazione notevolmente rinforzata con il ritorno al timone dell'ex presidente Gregorio Schipano affiancato dal presidente degli ultimi due anni Carlo Grafeo.  
I primi impegni delle italiane di Lega Statale sono: sabato 7 marzo, Caulfield City-Thomastown; domenica 8 marzo, Fawknier-Northcote; Australian Institute of Sport-Morwell.



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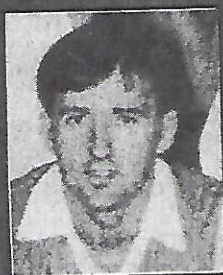
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